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Freak off the leash

Jammin' junior drops 34 points to lead
Knights past Marshall — SEE SPORTS, A7



Show us your beads!

Mardi Gras kicked off
Saturday at Universal Studios
Orlando — SEE VARIETY, A10



SCHOOL

STUDENTS GET THEMSELVES INTO HOT COCOA

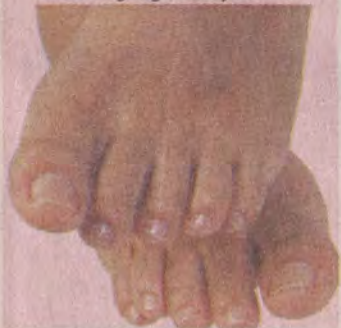


Officials at a junior high school spiked an edition of the student newspaper because it contained a recipe for hot chocolate that included peppermint schnapps. The January edition of Stillwell Junior High School's quarterly *Tiger Tracks* was pulled off the racks when the boozy recipe was discovered, Principal Tim Miller said.

CRIME

HAND OVER YOUR FEET

A man who robbed a woman of her keys and cell phone, then licked her toes, was sentenced Wednesday to five years' probation. Carlton Jermaine Davis, 26, faces 21 months in prison. According to a criminal complaint, Davis approached the woman and forced her to put her phone and purse inside a bag. Then he told her, "Now I'm going to suck your feet."



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

AASU PUTS ON SCAVENGER HUNT TODAY AT NOON

In celebration of Black History Month, the African American Student Union will host an "Amazing Race" scavenger hunt today from noon to 5 p.m. at the Lake Claire pavilions. For more information, contact kds2711@hotmail.com.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

SHUTTLE ATLANTIS BLASTS INTO ORBIT AFTER 2-MONTH DELAY

After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit Thursday with Europe's gift to the international space station, a \$2 billion science lab named Columbus that spent years waiting to set sail. Atlantis and its seven-man crew launched at 2:45 p.m.

NATION & WORLD, A4

2 MORE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN BENAZIR BHUTTO'S DEATH

Police arrested two more suspects Thursday in the suicide attack that killed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, and thousands of her followers gathered at her tomb to mark the end of mourning for her.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Medical school gets accreditation

School will begin accepting applications

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

The UCF College of Medicine received the green light from the national accrediting body of medical schools to enroll their inaugural class of students.

Tuesday night, Dr. Deborah German, dean of the

College of Medicine, received an e-mail from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education informing her that the school had received preliminary accreditation.

"This is the day we've been waiting for," German said.

The school received a site visit from the LCME in December that would deter-

mine the medical school's future.

The school will begin accepting applications from undergraduate medical students in May 2008 for admission to the school in fall 2009.

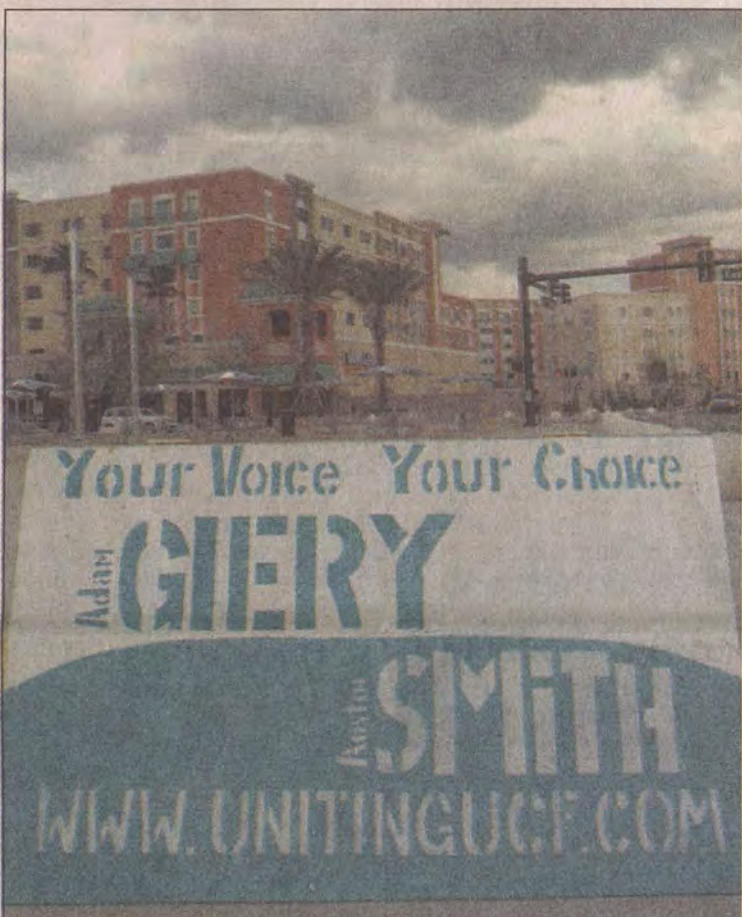
"Students should make sure they apply to the school

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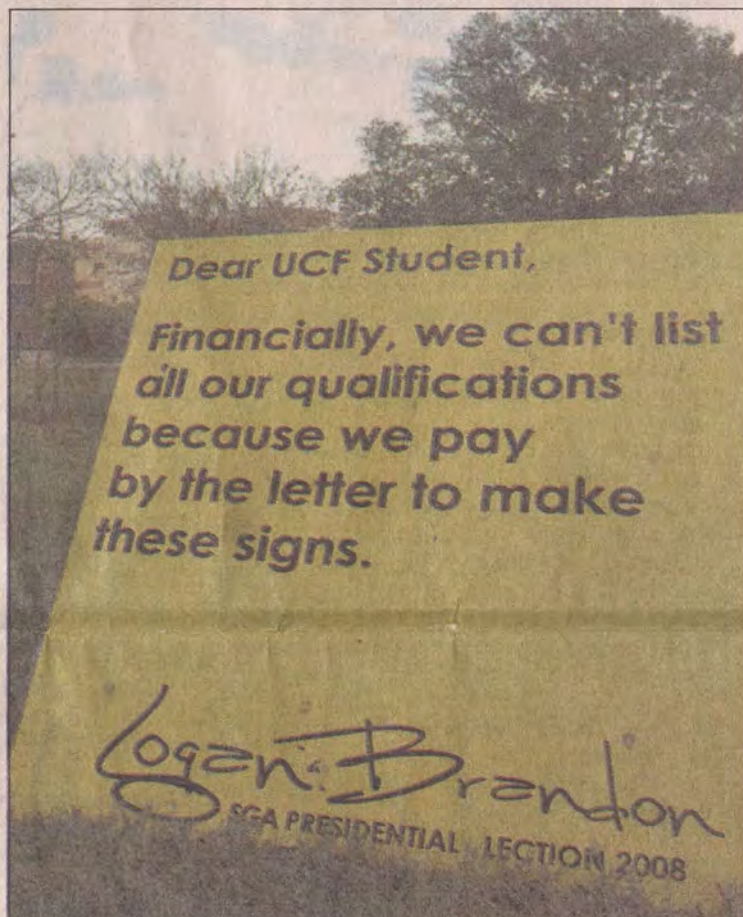


ANDY JACOBSON / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Dean of the College of Medicine Deborah German and UCF President John Hitt announce the accreditation of the UCF College of Medicine. German got the e-mail Tuesday.

Signs of trouble



Adam Giery and Austin Smith have 2 minor violations, and Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois have 1 minor violation. Three minor or 1 major violation disqualifies candidates.



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Both candidates chocking up

VIOLATIONS

More violations pending against both

SHAHDAI RICHARDSON &
ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writers

The candidates for the Student Government Association elections are a few steps away from being disqualified.

Adam Giery and Austin Smith have two minor violations against them. Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois have one minor violation against them.

Three minor violations or one major violation disqualifies candidates from running in the election. To thicken the pot, at Thursday's Senate meeting, Berkowitz will be brought up on impeachment

charges for sending e-mails with his SGA account.

The results of that meeting weren't available before press time

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Election Commission met to oversee four pending violations filed against Giery/Smith and three pending violations against Berkowitz/Delanois.

In Thursday's hearing, the Elections Commission heard one violation against Giery/Smith and two against Berkowitz/Delanois.

The violation against Giery/Smith was for a Facebook message similar to one that they received a violation

VIOLATIONS

FACEBOOK FUN

The Giery-Smith violations involve sending unapproved messages through Facebook.

YOU'VE GOT E-MAIL TROUBLE

The Berkowitz-Delanois violations deal with an e-mail Berkowitz sent through his work mail to student organizations. He was brought up on impeachment charges at Thursday's Senate meeting for the same thing.

for on Wednesday. It was a duplicate message that was sent three minutes after the original.

The Election Commission decided not to give

Giery/Smith another violation, because it was too similar to the previous violation.

Berkowitz/Delanois received a violation for not including the Election Commission's approval on an e-mail sent to student organizations.

Metz said she isn't happy about the "petty" violations that have been filed by both tickets.

"I think it's ridiculous and that the candidates should focus more on their own campaigns than what the other is doing," Metz said.

The first hearing took place in the SGA office and was

PLEASE SEE CANDIDATES ON A5

Charges follow home invasion

Student says he was robbed with a shotgun

KARI WILBERG
Staff Writer

A UCF student was robbed at gunpoint at his Jefferson Lofts apartment on Super Bowl Sunday, police said, but a suspect has already been caught and charged.

According to the police report, the suspect in the robbery is Travis Fischer, who is an acquaintance of the victim.

"He knocked on my door," said the student, who asked to remain anonymous. "I looked through the peep hole, and I knew him, so I let him in. I obviously didn't see he had a shotgun."

It was then, according to the police report, that the suspect pushed the student into the apartment and pointed the gun at the student's head. The gunman told him to give him whatever he had.

The report states that the student then gave Fischer \$35 out of his dresser drawer.

The student said that Fischer then told him to stay downstairs while he went upstairs to see if his roommates had anything of value.

"As soon as I broke eye contact, I ran," the student said.

The student said he ran down the hallway and, as he was running down the stairs, he could hear Fischer yelling at him.

According to the police report, the student then heard what he believed to be a gunshot. He was unsure if the shot was intended for him.

The student darted across

PLEASE SEE SUSPECT ON A5

Students' integrity questioned

KARI WILBERG
Staff Writer

Business and communication students are the most likely to cheat or plagiarize, according to a survey conducted by the associate provost at Rutgers University.

Don McCabe spoke Feb. 1 to UCF faculty and students in the Student Union about academic integrity.

McCabe focused on the latest technology and how it contributes to cheating in the classrooms. McCabe got his

information from surveys completed by more than 165,000 students and 18,000 faculty members at more than 160 colleges.

All of McCabe's information is self-reported data, which asked students from the United States and Canada to be honest about their academic honesty.

"There is a changing definition of cheating, which leads to underreporting because students can rationalize it," McCabe said.

McCabe also said that a culture of cheating has developed

and is now the norm for many colleges and high schools.

McCabe attributed this to overwhelming time commitments, such as jobs and sports, saying students use cheating as a form of time management. McCabe also said that many athletes are recruited into schools they cannot handle academically.

Students surveyed that many cheat in required general education classes because they do not believe it is relevant to

PLEASE SEE X GRADE ON A6



SGA ELECTION DEBATE

When: Feb. 12, 2008 at 11 a.m.
Where: Key West Ballroom

We are proud to announce that we at the Central Florida Future will be working with the Student Government Association for the 2008 SGA presidential debate.

This year, not only will the questions be asked by the SGA itself, they will be asked by you, the readers of the Central Florida Future. We encourage all of you to send in your questions.

Please send any questions you would like the candidates to be asked to Future.Debate@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is Sunday by midnight.

Here is your chance to make a difference around campus. Send your questions, come to the debate and help select the new president of the SGA.

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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

AASU puts on scavenger hunt

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UCF Wind Ensemble holds concert

UCF Wind Ensemble, conducted by Michael J. Garasi, will be holding a concert tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the auditorium of the Visual Arts Building.

The concert will feature music from Hungarian composer Kamillo Lendvay. For more information, call 407-823-2869.

VUCF holds first ever Princess Ball

Volunteer UCF is holding Harbor House's first Princess Ball Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks.

At the ball there will be ballerinas and magical dancers as well as a fairy godmother.

Those volunteers who will be participating need to meet in front of the Visual Arts Building at 4 p.m. For more information, contact vucf_domestic@mail.ucf.edu.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Shuttle Atlantis blasts into orbit after 2-month delay

CAPE CANAVERAL — After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit Thursday with Europe's gift to the international space station, a \$2 billion science lab named Columbus that spent years waiting to set sail.

Atlantis and its seven-man crew safely roared away from their seaside launch pad at 2:45 p.m., overcoming fuel gauge problems that thwarted back-to-back launch attempts in December.

The same cold front that spawned killer tornadoes across the South earlier in the week stayed far enough away and, in the end, cut NASA a break. All week, bad weather had threatened to delay the flight, making liftoff that much sweeter for the shuttle team. The sky was cloudy at launch time, but rain and thunderstorms remained off to the west.

Probably no one was happier than the 300 Europeans who gathered at the launch site to see Atlantis take off with their beloved Columbus lab. They celebrated with Belgian and French chocolates and sparkling grape juice, in keeping with NASA's no-alcohol rule at the Kennedy Space Center.

"It's not very European," observed Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli, smiling, as he popped open bottles of juice and filled plastic wine glasses. He flew on the last shuttle mission.

Twenty-three years in the making, Columbus is the European Space Agency's primary contribution to the space station. The lab has endured space station redesigns and slowdowns, as well as a number of shuttle postponements and two shuttle accidents.

"We're all as excited as heck," said an emotional Alan Thirkettle, Europe's space station program manager. "I've lost about 500 grams [about 1 pound] so far, and that's just been tears."

Columbus will join the U.S. lab, Destiny, which was launched aboard Atlantis exactly seven years ago. The much bigger Japanese lab Kibo, or Hope, will require three shuttle flights to get off the ground, beginning in March.

Atlantis' commander, Stephen Frick, and his U.S., German and French crew will reach the space station on Saturday and begin installing Columbus the very next day. Three spacewalks are planned during the flight, scheduled to last 11 or, more likely, 12 days.

UCF cheerleaders place 3rd, get on TV

LEAH GRICE
Staff Writer

The UCF cheerleaders wrapped up their season with third place at the 2008 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships.

The competition took place at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex Jan. 18 to Jan. 20, when the defending national champions from UCF were handed their third-place trophy.

Going into the competition, UCF was second behind the University of Kentucky, who became the 2008 National Champions. The University of Tennessee finished second, just ahead of the Knights.

"We had a chance to make history for our university," Head Coach Linda Gooch said, "and although it is disappointing, I can only be proud of what we did. I was really encouraged by the courage and discipline that the youngsters on the team had."

The UCF cheerleaders won their second national championship in 2007. They won their first in 2003, following a second runner-up placement in 2002. Even though the Knights lost their championship title this year, they continued their reign in the top 10, where they have placed for 13 out of the last 15 years.

Preparation for the season began in May when initial tryouts for the squad began. Throughout the summer and fall, the team spent countless hours practicing, preparing tricks and creating new stunts. The nationals team was selected in October.

Gooch compared the selection process to the football team's recruitment schedule.

"Right now, the football team is signing recruits for next year," Gooch said. "They will have fall practice and preparing, and they will decide who will be starters. That's exactly what we do."

The summer and fall months were essential to the selection process, Gooch said, because they had to determine who their most well-rounded athletes were. Being able to tumble, partner stunt and basket toss were a few of the requirements.

"That is really where you start to expose who will be on your team," Gooch said, "the people who are good in every area."

Once the nationals team was chosen, crunch time began. The nine men and seven women selected went to work full force.

"Nationals is a long preparation period," senior cheerleader Tyson Walters said. "It's all about getting into the gym and learning new skills and tricks."

Ashley Cowan, a Knights cheerleader for the last four years, said that practices were intense.

"Once school got out in December, we had practice every day except for an 11-day span where we got a little break," she said. "We didn't want to overwork ourselves or have any injuries, but we wanted to make sure we were prepared."

Cowan said that the squad cheered a minimum of three hours a day to ensure that they and their routine were up to par.

But no one could have prepared for what was going to happen during the competition. Within the first minute of their routine, the UCF cheerleaders lost their bearings and a stunt pyramid fell, costing the Knights the national championship.

"Top three is an amazing accomplishment, and I'm not disappointed,"



The UCF Cheerleading team competed in the 2008 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championships and earned the third-place trophy. The squad has been in the top 10 for 13 out of the last 15 years. The squad will be documented in *Cheerleader U*, a series which will begin airing March 8 on Women's Entertainment television.

Walters said. "I'm very happy with the team and everything we did. I was more disappointed that we didn't go out there and hit all of our stunts."

Gooch agreed that their mistake was frustrating but said she knew the team had done their best.

"When we hit that pyramid sequence, we won back-to-back titles," Gooch said. "It was a mistake that happened early in the routine, but they finished the rest of the routine to perfection."

Gooch said she was proud of her squad for keeping

their heads high and continuing after the mishap.

"It is so easy to get distracted or disheartened when you know you have lost the championship right there," she said. "However, it was remarkable for them to have the discipline to finish the championship as well as they did. That is the reason why we finished in the top three."

Cowan also said she was proud of the squad's ability to come together after they faltered and said that the blame should never be placed on a single person.

"It was the whole team that fell, not just one or two people," Cowan said. "When we were out there, we were fighting so hard, and I am really proud of everyone on the team. Some people tend to give up after something bad happens, but our squad pulled it together, and we finished so strong."

In addition to their hard work and practice for nationals, the UCF cheerleaders were also working with Women's Entertainment Television. UCF initially garnered the attention of directors and producers at WE after winning the championship in 2007. The network then contacted the cheerleaders and offered them a six-episode series on *Cheerleader U*.

"It was an opportunity that we just could not pass up," Gooch said. "We are having a chance for people in Oregon, Washington and even South Dakota to

see what the University of Central Florida is all about."

Producer Jim Rokos said he was pleased to have UCF on board.

"The UCF cheerleaders came across as an interesting group of students who wanted to hold on to their championship," Rokos said. "We have never seen such a dedicated group of people trying to work together as a team."

Previously, *Cheerleader U*'s season followed the University of Kentucky cheerleaders. However, Rokos said that he felt the UCF cheerleaders were far more dedicated than Kentucky's. He also said that the level UCF was at when they started shooting was far higher than their competitors.

"Cheerleading tends to be viewed as rah rah on the sidelines with pom-poms," Rokos said. "However, it really is a great type of gymnastics. It takes hours of training and practice to achieve the level that many of these people are on."

The series, which airs on March 8, follows the UCF cheerleaders through an entire season, from tryouts until national championships. Some of the highlights include Spirit Splash and Homecoming week, the opening of Bright House Networks Stadium and performances for the Orlando Magic.

Walters, who was selected as a main character on the show, said he is happy with what he has seen, heard and experienced regarding the filming.

"[*Cheerleader U*] is not a gossip thing or what you would consider a reality show with a lot of drama," he said. "It depicts our year and some of the struggles that we went through. It also shows how we overcame those struggles and what it is like to be a cheerleader at the University of Central Florida."

Along with highlighting life as a UCF cheerleader, Cowan also said she believes *Cheerleader U* is showcasing the whole university.

"On a national level, people are going to get to see our campus and our student life," Cowan said. "They are not just getting our cheerleaders but UCF as a whole, which is going to be the best part of the show."

Gooch and the squad are already looking toward graduating high school seniors for recruitment in preparation for the upcoming season. As the cheerleaders prepare for the 2009 nationals, they are counting on one another for success.

"Our strongest competition is ourselves," Walters said. "We can't control who places where. All we can control is our environment and our skills."

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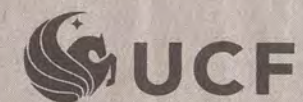
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Hams talk the old-fashioned way — wirelessly

MEGAN GARARD
Contributing Writer

Practicing radio skills for upcoming competitions, exchanging technical information on the construction of amateur radios and assisting newer members in studying for their FCC Amateur Radio License are all in a day's work for the Amateur Radio Club at UCF.

The club is open to all UCF students, but its staff adviser, Steve Dick, said the members tend to be from one college.

"The Amateur Radio Club is made up of mostly engineering students," Dick said, "but some other members come from an array of disciplines, such as emergency management, physics and business administration."

No special training or licensing is required for membership however, to enjoy full participation members are encouraged to acquire an FCC Amateur Radio Operator License.

If a potential member does not know how to get their license, the club is there to help. One purpose of the group's meetings is to prepare those without licenses for the FCC licensing test.

Amateur radio, also called ham radio, is an airwave-transferred communication that enables its operators to transmit information with others around the world with the use of a dipole antenna and a short-wave transmitter.

To contact one another through their radios, the operators use the alphanumeric call signs of the individual operator or group they wish to contact, as assigned by the FCC.

This type of communication is one of the oldest forms of wireless information transmission.

"It's as old as radio itself," said club member and physics major Doug Maulkin.

Since this form of communication requires neither electricity nor use of electronic towers, such as cell phone towers, to operate, it is ideal for use in emergencies, such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

The president of the club, John Szilagyi, said the radios helped during the Hurricane Katrina tragedy.

"During Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 Florida hurricane season," Szilagyi said, "some of the club's members worked in various hurricane shelters to assist with communication between hurricane shelter staff and emergency rescue organizations, such as the shelter's area Emergency Operations Center and the



Left: Amateur Radio Club members Jeff Lambert, Michael Clark and Keith Walls look through frequencies on the radio. The club meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Engineering I. Right: UCF alumni Michael Clark prepares to send a message.



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Red Cross."

Amateur radio operators can also use their skills to assist in national security matters. They use their radios to track down individuals who are transmitting over the airwaves illegally, an activity also known as fox-hunting.

The excitement of assisting in emergency communication and foxhunting is not the only motivation for individuals interested in amateur radio as a hobby. For many it is a fun way to socialize with individuals from around the world, while other operators are interested in tinkering with the technical aspect of the radios.

The club will be competing at the Amateur Radio Field Day in Orlando at the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Headquarters on June 24, 2008.

At this event, the club will

compete against other amateur radio clubs in the state of Florida in various skill matches that include a race in which operators compete to obtain the most radio contacts in a 24-hour period, and a foxhunting competition in which the first to locate an illegal transmission is the winner.

In addition to the field competition, the club will be attending a major Amateur Radio convention called the HamCation(sm) & Computer Show held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on Feb. 8 to 10 and is open to the public with an admission of \$10 per adult each day. For more information regarding this convention, visit <http://www.hamcation.com>.

Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. the UCF Amateur Radio Club holds a meeting in the Engineering I Building, Room 456A.

HAMMING IT UP

WHAT IS HAM RADIO?

A housewife in North Carolina makes friends over the radio with another ham in Lithuania. An Ohio teenager uses his computer to upload a digital chess move to an orbiting space satellite, where it's retrieved by a fellow chess enthusiast in Japan. An aircraft engineer in Florida participating in a "DX contest" swaps his call sign and talks to hams in 100 different countries during a single weekend. In California, volunteers save lives as part of their involvement in an emergency response. And from his room in Chicago, a ham's pocket-sized hand-held radio allows him to talk to friends in the Carolinas. This unique mix of fun, public service and convenience is the distinguishing characteristic of Amateur Radio. Although hams get involved for many reasons, they all have in common a basic knowledge of radio technology and operating principles and pass an examination for the FCC license to operate on radio frequencies known as the "Amateur Bands." These bands are radio frequencies reserved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for use by hams at intervals from just above the AM broadcast band all the way up into extremely high microwave frequencies.

WHY DO YOU NEED A LICENSE?

Although the main purpose of amateur radio is fun, it is called the "Amateur Radio Service" because it also has a serious face. The FCC created this "Service" to fill the need for a pool of experts who could provide backup during emergencies. In addition, the FCC acknowledged the ability of the hobby to advance the communication and technical skills of radio, and to enhance international goodwill. This philosophy has paid off. Countless lives have been saved where skilled hobbyists act as emergency communicators to render aid, whether it's during an earthquake in Italy or a hurricane in the U.S.

WHAT'S THE APPEAL OF HAM RADIO?

Some hams are attracted by the ability to communicate across the country, around the globe, or even with astronauts on space missions. Others may like to build and experiment with electronics. Computer hobbyists enjoy using amateur radio's digital communications opportunities. Those with a competitive streak enjoy "DX contests," where the object is to see how many hams in distant locations they can contact. Some like the convenience of a technology that gives them portable communication. Mostly they use it to open the door to new friendships over the air or through participation in one of more than 2,000 amateur radio clubs throughout the country.

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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Besides Columbus, Atlantis will drop off a new space station resident, French Air Force Gen. Leopold Eyharts, who will swap places with NASA astronaut Daniel Tani and get Columbus working. Tani will return to Earth aboard the shuttle, ending a mission of nearly four months.

To NASA's relief, all four fuel gauges in Atlantis' external fuel tank worked properly during the final stage of the countdown. The gauges failed back in December because of a faulty connector, and NASA redesigned the part to fix the problem, which had been plaguing the shuttles for three years.

NASA was anxious to get Atlantis flying as soon as possible to keep alive its hopes of achieving six launches this year. The space agency faces a 2010 deadline for finishing the station and retiring the shuttles. That equates to four or five shuttle flights a year between now and then, something Griffin considers achievable.

NASA officials said cameras spotted at least three pieces of foam or other debris coming off the fuel tank during liftoff, one of them too late to be of any concern. The astronauts will pull out their laser inspection pole Friday to survey their spaceship.

Barring any more major mechanical trouble or freak hailstorms like the one that battered Atlantis's fuel tank one year ago, "this should be like some of those earlier times when we had some fairly interrupted stretches with no technical problems where we could just fly," Griffin said in an interview with The Associated Press. "That's what I'm looking forward to."

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What's in the news at colleges around the country

Pipeline to college presidencies carries few minority members

Women represent a significant share of the senior campus administrators whose jobs are most likely to lead to a college presidency, according to a new survey by a leading higher-education group. But when it comes to members of racial minority groups, the supply of such potential leaders is much smaller.

A report released this week on a study by the American Council on Education revealed that women — most of them white — made up fully 45 percent of senior administrators. Only 16 percent of senior leaders surveyed were members of minority groups.

The statistics for chief academic officers at universities, a post that is often second in command and that is most likely to lead to the presidential suite, put those numbers into even sharper focus. Women made up 38 percent of chief academic officers tallied in the survey, while only 10 percent of those who held that job were African-American, American Indian, Asian or Hispanic.

The study showed that at certain types of institutions there are "small but significant" pools of minority administrators who could be candidates for higher levels of leadership. For instance, at doctoral institutions, Asian-Americans hold 5 percent of the chief-academic-officer jobs, more than any other minority group.

At master's-level colleges, the chief academic officer is more likely to be a member of a minority group than at any other type of institution, with African-Americans making up the largest share at 7 percent, the report said.

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Supporters of Pakistan's slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto chant slogans as they arrive to attend a ceremony marking the end of the 40-day mourning period Thursday.

2 more suspects arrested in Benazir Bhutto's death

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Police arrested two more suspects Thursday in the suicide attack that killed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, and thousands of her followers gathered at her tomb to mark the end of mourning for her and launch her party's campaign for this month's parliamentary election.

Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said the two suspects were picked up in Rawalpindi, where Bhutto died in a gun and bomb attack Dec. 27.

He declined to say whether the two men were key figures in the assassination, which threatened to plunge the nation into political chaos.

Last month, police in northwestern Pakistan arrested two other suspects, including a 15-year-old boy who was alleged to have been part of a backup suicide squad assigned to kill Bhutto if the primary assassins failed.

The latest arrests were announced as a team of British detectives from Scotland Yard returned to Pakistan to report the findings of their investigation of the assassination.

Their report is expected to shed light on exactly how Bhutto died — amid confusion over whether she was killed by a gunshot or the impact of a suicide bombing.

British diplomats are expected to release a summary of the report Friday.

President Pervez Musharraf invited Scotland Yard to conduct its own inquiry after Bhutto supporters alleged the government may have been involved in her death. Musharraf rejected calls from Bhutto's party for an independent U.N. investigation.

U.S. and Pakistani officials believe the assassination was masterminded by Baitullah Mehsud, an al-Qaida-linked commander based in South Waziristan.

Mehsud leads Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, a coalition of Islamic extremist groups fighting Pakistani forces in the lawless tribal area along the border with Afghanistan. On Wednesday, Mehsud's coalition announced an indefinite cease-fire with Pakistani forces.

Southern communities rebuild after twisters leave 55 dead

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. — County Mayor Shelly Linville could only shake his head at the horrific toll left by a deadly series of tornadoes that pounded across the South.

Rebuilding has barely begun in this northern Tennessee community and in the others where dozens of tornadoes ripped across Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama, killing at least 55 people and injuring hundreds more in the nation's deadliest set of twisters in more than two decades.

"I'm surprised that I'm alive," said Tolia Sorrells, 24, who survived one twister that left only parts of two walls standing in her home. A gash on her head required eight staples at a hospital to close.

Federal and state emergency teams poured into the hardest-hit areas, along with utility workers and insurance claims representatives.

Man suspected of shooting wife in school found dead

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — A teacher's husband charged into her fifth-grade classroom Thursday morning, then stabbed and shot her as students watched, police said. He later was found dead in his home after apparently shooting himself during a standoff with police.

The teacher, Christi Layne, was in critical condition at Cabell Huntington Hospital in nearby Huntington, W. Va., a hospital spokeswoman said.

The shooting happened around 9 a.m. at Notre Dame Elementary, a Catholic school on the main road of a town in southern Ohio near the border. Student Emmaly Baker said she hid in the classroom's cootroom when the gunman came in.

The suspect fled, and for hours after the shooting, a SWAT team surrounded a house about two miles away. Neighbors said they heard gunshots coming from the home and police firing back. Police Chief Charles Horner said after the conflict ended that the man apparently shot himself.

Kim Harris, who cares for a man who lives next door, said police "told us to get down on the floor and stay in the back of the house," she said.

Another woman was stabbed in town before the shooting, and authorities believed it was connected to the teacher's shooting, Portsmouth police Capt. Rob Ware said. He did not elaborate. The woman was being treated at a Columbus hospital, but her condition was unavailable.

Amid anxiety over Afghanistan, tensions with U.S. allies grow

VILNIUS, Lithuania — As the stakes in Afghanistan grow, so do tensions between the United States and the European allies the U.S. empowered more than a year ago to take the lead on the battlefield.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates makes no secret of his frustration that repeated appeals to the allies to contribute more troops — and to allow commanders to use them with fewer restrictions — fall flat.

NATO, through its International Security Assistance Force, is in charge of the war, although the top commander is an American, Army Gen. Daniel McNeill, and the United States is the biggest provider of troops. Of the 42,000 total troops, about 14,000 are American, plus the United States has another 13,000 operating separately in eastern Afghanistan hunting terrorists and training Afghan forces.

The problem is that McNeill says he needs even more troops, in particular in southern Afghanistan where the fight against Taliban resistance has been increasingly deadly, and the Europeans have balked.

Gates has written sharply worded letters to his European counterparts urging them to send more troops, to no avail.

Gates told a Senate panel Wednesday before flying from Washington to Vilnius that in meetings here with NATO defense ministers Thursday and Friday he "once again will become a nag on the issue."

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China air concerns Olympians

STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

BEIJING — With the Olympics six months away, air pollution is taking some luster off the glistening venues and the meticulous planning aimed at controlling every facet of the Beijing Games.

Athletes and coaches are talking openly about the dirty air. Dozens of countries are setting up pre-Olympic training camps in Japan or South Korea. The powerful American swim team is basing itself far away in Singapore. There are plans to test facemasks — if not in competition, at least during training and leisure time.

Beijing has struggled to reduce the sooty mix of ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide that often blankets the city at a level five times higher than the World Health Organization's safety standard.

"It's not easy," acknowledged Deng Yaping, the four-time Olympic gold medalist in table tennis and the deputy director of the Athletes' Village, which will house 17,000 athletes and officials. "The environment is not easy. And it's not short term so that you can see the results."

A member of the Communist Party and the government's top advisory body, Deng said the pollution was a "world problem." Like many Chinese, she pointed out that Olympics in Los Angeles and Athens were also prefaced by pollution fears.

"I'm sure we will make every possible effort to make a cleaner environment for all the athletes," added Deng, who was voted China's top female athlete of the 20th century.

Officials aren't saying how they'll solve the problem when the games open Aug. 8. Factories will close, dust-spewing construction will slow and more than a million vehicles are sure to be banned. The one-party state will surely marshal its vast resources or risk a public relations disaster.

But not everybody is convinced, including the world's greatest distance runner.

"If there are serious problems, of course ... it's better not to come," Haile Gebrselassie said on a visit this week to Beijing. "My priority is just to live and keep my health."

The marathon world record holder said it's possible he may skip the Olympics. If he comes, he's undecided whether he'll run the marathon or the 10,000 meters.

"They [organizers] are trying to do something. That's OK," he said. "The pollution is the most important thing. Actually, when we talk about the pollution, it's not only during the Olympic Games. What about the people here? They are really suffering."

Olympic tennis champion Justine Henin pulled out of a tournament in Beijing five months ago because the pollution aggravates her asthma, and she may avoid the games.

Veronica Campbell-Brown

of Jamaica, the defending Olympic 200-meter champion and world 100-meter champion, explained her strategy on a visit.

"Just stay away until it's really time to start competing," she said.

The International Olympic Committee has pressed China for months to solve the problem, and president Jacques Rogge has warned that some endurance events would be postponed if the air is bad.

"A number of contingency plans have been outlined and some air quality data reported to us," IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said. "But we are still encouraging the organizing committee to share further data with us so that we can gain a deeper understanding of the efficacy of the plans."

Davies said recent test events had been held "without any major complaints or incidents." However, this is not completely accurate with several boxers, cyclists and triathletes having griped about the air.

"We have reason to believe that the issue, although challenging, will be managed appropriately by our Chinese hosts," Davies added.

The Olympic equestrian venue is Hong Kong, which also has bad smog as well as stifling heat and humidity. The Swiss dressage team has said it plans to stay away, and Canadian and German riders have talked about pulling out.

No one disputes the grandeur of the venues and Beijing's astounding \$40 billion facelift, which includes new roads, subway lines and a myriad of skyscrapers. The \$200 million National Aquatics Center, known as the Water Cube, opened last week to rave reviews.

"The pool's out of the world," high-ranking IOC member Kevan Gosper said "You'd think it was sent in from another planet."

One of the few criticisms was the see-through honeycomb facade, which showed the grit from the city pollution.

The final venue to be completed will be the iconic symbol of the Olympics — the \$485 million Bird's Nest national stadium that opens this spring. The 91,000-seat building is a soaring steel wicker basket that symbolizes China's 21st century ambitions.

"How to serve the athletes; how to serve the media and how to serve so many spectators. That is the hardest work rather than building the venues," said Deng, who most likely will be one of the final torchbearers and may be among the favorites to light the cauldron.

The games should produce perfect TV abroad, showing the country's power and growing wealth. On state-run TV at home — which never shows bad news about the Olympics — the games should appeal to Chinese national pride.

A new multibillion-dollar airport terminal opens in a

few months, a gargantuan glass and steel structure to wow Olympic visitors. A new airport subway line will also open for the Olympics. So will a new line serving the venues, and another curving north-to-south through the city.

Despite promises to the IOC to improve human rights, Beijing has continued to detain and sentence high-profile political dissidents. The 30,000 journalists expected are also coming under scrutiny, as are government promises of unfettered access to report.

"Beijing has given virtually no signs that it intends to keep the promises made to the international community in exchange for hosting the games," said Sophie Richardson, a spokeswoman for Human Rights Watch. "On the contrary, we have witnessed a systematic effort to silence, suppress and repress Chinese citizens who are trying to push the government into greater respect for fundamental rights."

Chinese officials have become prickly to criticism, saying the games should be free of politics.

"China has made resolute commitments for the Olympics and, as host, we will conduct a successful Olympics Games," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said this week. "Meanwhile we should keep in mind that China has its laws and regulations. ... China is a country ruled by law."

China's generally secretive police agencies are tightening visa requirements, doing more spot checks of foreigners and working on tight security. Besides terrorists, China also wants to stem protests by activist groups critical of Chinese policies regarding Sudan, human rights, religion and the environment.

In a recent visit, FBI Director Robert Mueller said he was "impressed by the thoroughness of the preparations and the professionalism that is being put in to provide security for the games."

Weather officials are even claiming they'll be able to make it rain — or clear the air and prevent rain if it threatens the opening or closing ceremony.

The challenge of finding enough Chinese who speak English also is a problem. So is the quest to make the games uniquely Chinese — while retaining an international flavor — and preparing for the unexpected.

"Before a table tennis competition, I always had to think what my opponent would try to do and what solution I will find," said Deng, the four-time gold medalist. "So I would find 100, 1,000 [tactics]. If something happened, I had a way to solve it."

"I think that will be exactly the same for our preparations. We have to predict. You think there is no chance something will happen, but we have to find a solution even if it doesn't happen."

And there are only six months to go.



Spectators walk below the translucent wall of the National Aquatics Center, known as the Water Cube, as they arrive for an Olympic test event in Beijing Monday. The Water Cube will host swimming and diving competitions at the 2008 Olympic Games, which open Aug. 8.

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Candidates few steps away from disqualification

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attended by several SGA members, including Giery's opponent in the SGA race, Logan Berkowitz. Berkowitz is the current SGA vice president.

Members of Berkowitz's campaign staff also attended the hearing, including Andrew Stein, who said that he filed the violations. The violation forms state they are from an anonymous source.

The hearing allowed both parties to speak and ask questions of each other and the Election Commission.

The first violation that was discussed involved a message that went out to Giery and Smith's Facebook group about one of their campaign events.

The complaints about this message were that it was not completely approved by the election commissioners and that it was sent out with alcohol references in the body of the message.

The message that was sent out on Facebook did not follow Statute 605.2, which requires approval from the election commission on all electronic messages.

In this situation, Giery said that he relied on his roommate to send the message that he had written and approved with the supervisor of elections, Cherayne Metz. However, Giery said that his roommate thought that his original message was boring, so, without permission, he "zested up" Giery's message by writing that kegs and a DJ would be at the event. The things his roommate allegedly

added were not actually at the event, Giery said.

When he found out about the message, Giery immediately sent a retraction letter to Metz. She approved the retraction letter.

"If I wanted it zested, I would have done it myself," Giery said. "It is very obvious that the people who [sent] this are SGA rookies. It was literally out of my hands."

Giery said he asked his roommate to send the message because he had to wait for Metz's approval, which he got.

The roommate wasn't present to testify.

Despite the circumstances, the accuser, Stein, said he felt that the Election Commission should not allow any such violations.

"I don't think that is a precedent we should set," Stein said.

Stein said that whether Giery said he wrote the unapproved message or not, the commissioners should pay attention to the fact that they couldn't prove that Giery did not write the message.

The commissioners decided that this first accusation was a minor violation against Giery and Smith.

The second accusation regarded a Web site Giery had created that listed things Giery has accomplished with SGA and as the director of Campus Life. This Web site included no commission approval information.

Giery asked that this be considered a non-violation because he said he created the site for a potential employer.

Giery said that a managing job he was applying for asked that he create something that highlighted what sets him apart from the other applicants.

Although Giery said the Web site was not for campaign purposes, Stein wanted to know why only SGA-related accomplishments were listed.

"[SGA] was my thing," Giery said, in response to Stein. "This is my selling point."

Smith said that if the Web site was meant for Giery's campaign, then its address would have been on their campaign fliers and T-shirts. He also pointed out that he was not mentioned on the site.

In the end, the Web site was voted a non-violation.

"[The Web site] doesn't say 'I am running for president; vote for me,'" Metz said. "I don't see it as being campaign material."

The last possible violation dealt with a Facebook message that was approved but did not have the date and election commissioner information on the bottom.

In this situation, Smith said that, when he went to the Commission Office to get the message approved, none of the election commissioners were on duty. He proceeded to get approval from an employee of the Multicultural Student Center, but he said he was not sure if he could put her name on the message since she was not an election commissioner.

"Basically, you guys should have been in the office," Smith said, addressing the commissioners.

Smith added the message to Facebook and got approval from actual commissioners afterward.

"Later, when I spoke to Sean [Hughes], he told me to put his name on the thing," Smith said.

However, there was still no commissioner's information on the message. Some also questioned why Giery and Smith were able to contact commissioners during off hours for previous incidents but not for this one.

Beyond the circumstances, Giery and Smith had no proof that the message did not go against the election statutes. It was voted a minor violation.

Election Commissioner Sean Hughes made a statement at the hearing expressing that the Commission's responsibility is to ensure that election campaigns are fair, not to kick people

out of the race for forgetting to put a statement at the end of a Facebook message.

"The Election Commission was organized to make sure it is a fair election for all parties," Hughes said. "I realize exactly what is in the statutes, but I think the Election Commission's job entails more than reading the statutes word for word. It should not constitute them being eliminated from the entire election for something so miniscule."

Hughes' ideas were understood but did not seem to change everyone's mind.

"I agree with Sean, but we cannot ignore the statutes," said Cesar Delgado, another election commissioner.

With so many different topics and opinions being tossed around, the hearing was not without some anger and tension.

"It was the most heated hearing I've ever been to," Metz said. "They are very passionate about their positions."

Stein said that he may appeal the accusation that was voted a non-violation. Giery said he will appeal the two minor violations.

With various hearings such as this one being held, the spotlight on SGA will only get brighter.

"It is an embarrassment for SGA as a whole," Giery said. "SGA is one of the finest organizations. This is not by any means what I or anyone ever intended on happening. It is just not good for the organization."

Now, Giery said, it comes back to who SGA represents.

"I don't think anyone wants to see anybody out of the race for any reason," Giery said. "The election should be decided by the students."

Suspect was an acquaintance

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the parking lot to another building. After getting out of Fischer's line of sight, the student examined Fischer's car to get a good description of it.

The student then proceeded to call the police and some mutual friends of his and Fischer's.

"I found out through a friend that he was actually staying in the Lofts but did not have a lease," the student said.

After getting a statement from the student, police officers left to talk to Fischer's girlfriend, whom Fischer had been living with at the Lofts.

Fischer drove up while Orange County Police Officers were still at his girlfriend's apartment.

Fischer had a gun sitting on the front seat of his car, according to the police report.

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Fischer was then arrested.

While searching the suspect's vehicle, police found 17 grams of marijuana and 24 Xanax pills, along with a shotgun and eight 410-gauge

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X grade policy in discussion

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their studies. Other reasons include the pressure to succeed, the difficulty of courses and what McCabe said is a "sense of entitlement," meaning students pay their tuition, so in turn, they should receive good grades.

Catharyn Baird from Regis University in Denver attended the academic integrity meeting.

"The purpose of an education is to master the matter," Baird said. "Students believe they are buying a diploma, and faculties think they are giving an education."

According to McCabe's studies, 11 percent of students reported submitting a term paper from a paper mill or Web site. Forty-eight percent admitted to copying sentences from the Web without citing their sources.

While the numbers for downloading an entire paper from the Internet are going down, copying sentences without citing sources is going up.

"Historically, males have reported more cheating, but the female gap is changing," McCabe said. "In my experience, they are equal."

McCabe said males are more likely than females to download an entire paper from the Internet.

Fraternities and sororities have cut their cheating back to a moderate level, McCabe said, saying that it is not as significant in Greek life as it used to be.

McCabe found that UCF business majors reported better results than most other business majors from different schools.

McCabe also said that professors often have difficulty keeping up with cheaters

because of the advancements in technology.

"Cheating changes so often according to technology that it is nearly impossible to control," McCabe said.

McCabe spoke about Web sites such as Turnitin.com and the controversies surrounding them.

Students often feel violated that their professors do not trust them, McCabe said. Also, while some support it, other students feel it takes away from the integrity of the professors.

"Faculty are coping out by using Turnitin.com, some believe, and felt the faculty should be knowledgeable enough of the course they are teaching," McCabe said.

McCabe said another reason students are getting away with cheating is because faculty have given up or are afraid to prosecute.

"Many who don't have tenure are afraid it will affect their credibility as a professor but claim that after they have tenure, they will enforce it," McCabe said.

McCabe also expressed concern with the ease of a student's ability to cheat in an online course. He did note, however, that online courses are here to stay due to their convenience.

Measures to prevent cheating have been taken and McCabe still holds his own ideas about preventing cheating in the future.

"My bias is when you want to reduce cheating, you have several choices: army guards, penalties or to promote integrity," McCabe said.

McCabe said that even though promoting integrity is more difficult, it is the way to go. He hopes this will cause stu-

dents to leave universities with better personal values.

"Buying a paper doesn't give you any practice," said Mason Cash, a UCF assistant philosophy professor. "We want students to be able to do things their transcripts say they can do."

McCabe was brought to UCF by Patricia MacKown, director for the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

McCabe was brought to UCF because he is identified as a person who has a lot of data. McCabe reported to have been working on the academic integrity project for 18 years, performing his first survey in 1990.

McCabe said he does not come to high schools and universities to tell them how to fix their academic integrity issues but to compare their strengths and weaknesses.

"I don't say what they should be doing," McCabe said. "I tell them what other schools have done."

UCF students have also taken an interest in academic integrity and are currently discussing an X grade policy, which would mark an 'X' on a student's transcript if the student was caught cheating. A future employer would be able to see the 'X' if they requested a transcript.

Cash reported that many SGA candidates have voiced opposition to this policy.

Cash said students are invited to attend Ethics Task Force meetings to voice their opinions concerning the X grade policy. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning's conference room.

Students, faculty excited

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that fits their needs best," said Robert Larkin, director of admissions for the College of Medicine.

While unsure of how many applications they will receive, German said she hopes to receive thousands.

"This is our chance in Central Florida to create something bigger than all of us," German said.

The College of Medicine will make history with its first class, according to the American Association of Medical Colleges. Each student will receive \$20,000 in tuition and \$20,000 in living expenses for each year they are in medical school.

Currently, 23 out of the 40 scholarships have been paid for by members of the Central Florida community.

UCF President John Hitt said that the ability of the UCF College of Medicine's first graduating class to enter the medical field without debt, unlike many other medical school graduates, should be a big draw for applicants. The average estimated debt for graduates is \$140,000.

"We think that may draw some really great applications," Hitt said.

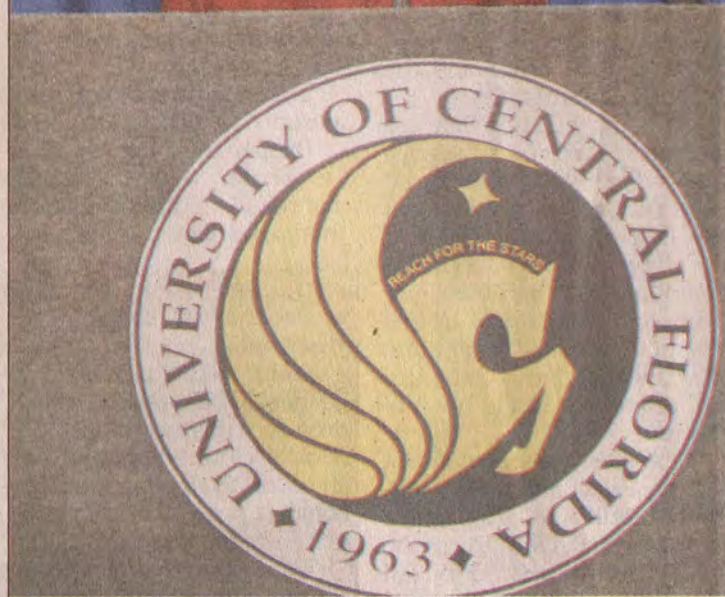
Barbara O'Hara, associate director of Institutional Resources for the medical school, said that she is proud to be part of this process.

"It's an honor to be a part of the Central Florida initiative and the College of Medicine," O'Hara said. "It's a privilege to be part of this phenomenal team."

German said she is thankful to her team at the medical school.

"The team is extraordinary; they exceeded my expectations," German said. "I don't think I've ever been with stronger leadership."

Brittany Moscato, president of Pre-Professional Medical Society and a potential applicant for the UCF



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College of Medicine Dean Deborah German announces the accreditation of the school. Each student in the first class will receive \$40,000 a year for tuition and living expenses.

"This is our chance in Central Florida to create something bigger than all of us."

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DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

College of Medicine, said she is glad there's a medical option in Orlando.

"I think that it is really exciting to have another choice of a school in Florida

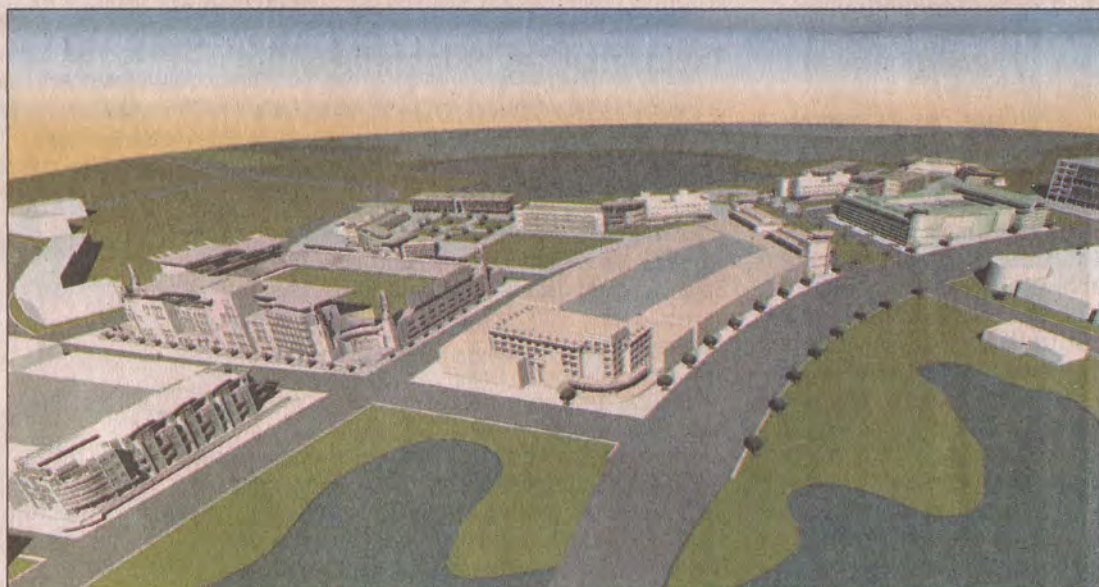
to apply to, because I'm pretty familiar with the program that exists now," Moscato said.

Moscato is looking for a program that is focused on individualized study for all four years of medical school.

"It helps you find your passion a lot quicker, better than a general medical program," Moscato said.

German has specific criteria that she will look for in applicants and said she wants to see a demonstration of excellence in their undergraduate work.

"We're looking for students who have a passion for medicine and a strong passion for this kind of work," German said.



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FLORIDA STATE
11 A.M. (AWAY)
After romping Florida Gulf Coast on Sunday, the Knights will take on the Seminoles in Tallahassee. FSU has won all three of its matches this season 7-0.

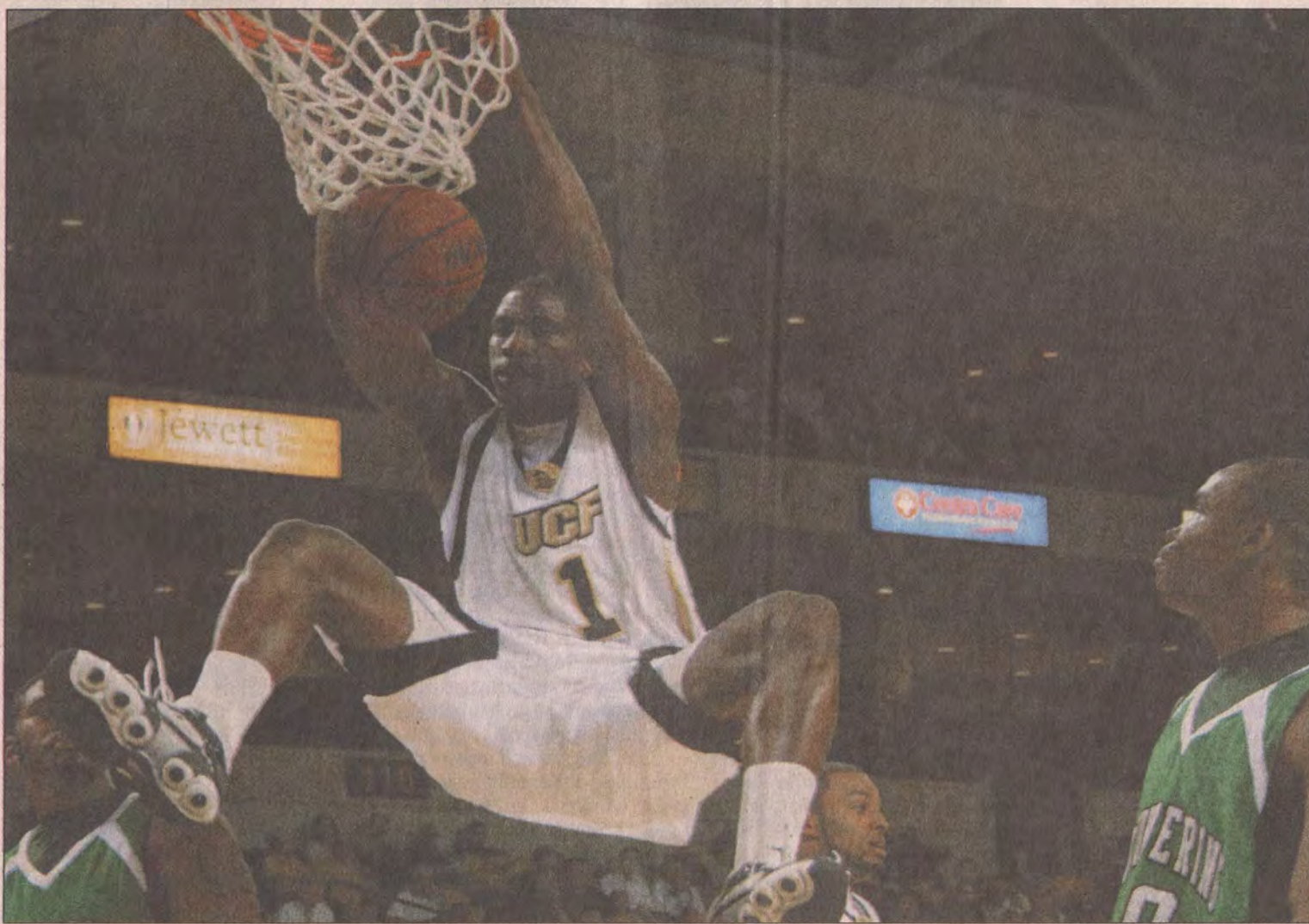
MEN'S TENNIS
BETHUNE-COOKMAN
TOMORROW
12 P.M. (AWAY)
After dropping a rainy 6-1 contest to Stetson on Wednesday, UCF will look to rebound when it takes on the Wildcats, who have lost three consecutive matches.



MEN'S BASKETBALL
MEMPHIS
TOMORROW
4 P.M. (AWAY)
The Knights will hope to continue their success after beating Marshall by 14 points when they head to Memphis, Tenn., to take on the No. 1-ranked Tigers.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
MEMPHIS
TOMORROW
5 P.M. (HOME)
While the men are away, the women's team will take on the Tigers at home in its "Think Pink"-themed game.

J.T.'S CAREER KNIGHT



UCF guard Jermaine Taylor dunks during the first half of UCF's 77-63 victory over the Marshall Thundering Herd on Wednesday night at the New UCF Arena. Taylor finished with a career-high 34 points on 14-of-23 shooting. A 3-pointer early in the second half gave him more than 1,000 points for his career. He is the 14th Knight in program history to score at least 1,000 points.

Taylor reaches milestone while UCF cruises to 14-point victory

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

UCF Men's Basketball head coach Kirk Speraw stopped short of calling his team's game against Marshall on Wednesday night a must-win game, but there was no doubt amongst his players.

Riding a three-game losing streak with a meeting at top-ranked Memphis on the horizon, the Knights had to get a victory.

It wasn't pretty, but the Knights got what they needed as they beat the Herd 77-63.

"We lost the last three," guard Jermaine Taylor said, "so we knew we had to come out and play harder and get this win because going into the No. 1 team in the country with four (straight) losses, it would've been frustrating."

Taylor did the most to ease his team's frustrations with a career-high 34 points, which helped him become the 14th player in program history to score 1,000 career points.

Taylor said after the game that he knew

he was creeping up on the prestigious mark, but it would have meant nothing if the Knights weren't victorious Wednesday night.

The Knights (12-10 overall, 5-3 in Conference USA) began the game slow and sloppy.

Players were bumping into each other on screens, they couldn't seem to handle the ball and scoring was at a premium. The Knights struggled through two scoreless stretches of at least three minutes in the first half.

"I thought we were a little emotionally drained in this game because of what has happened in the last 10 days," Speraw said. "I think we were worn out a little bit, mentally, and didn't have the bounce that we usually have. But we gutted through that."

Marshall (11-10 overall, 3-5 in C-USA) went up by as much as seven when guard Mark Dorris hit a 3-pointer, which put the visitors ahead 23-16 with 9:15 left.

But then UCF started to find its rhythm as it ended the half on a 9-1 run. Taylor scored seven points in the final three minutes of the half, and a cutting layup by Dave



UCF guard Dave Noel puts up a shot over Marshall's Markel Humphrey. Noel scored 11 points in the UCF win.

PLEASE SEE UCF ON A8

Softball set to take field today

MELISSA HEYBOER
Editor-in-Chief

This season, the UCF Softball team doesn't have any tricks up its sleeve.

If you ask them, what you see is what you get. Period.

After coming off an eye-opening first season in Conference USA in 2006, the Knights turned some heads last year, finishing 38-26, third in the conference, falling just one game shy of the championship.

But unlike '06, the Knights aren't relying on upsets or surprises to hoist them to the top of C-USA.

This season, the Knights are relying on a bunch of pure, raw talent that they — and their competition — know they have.

"I know going into this season we're not going to surprise

anybody," UCF head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said. "We earned a lot of respect last year from Conference USA, so we really have to be on top of our game in the conference. There isn't going to be a single team that we can relax on."

The Knights, picked to finish third in the preseason conference polls, are out to prove that they can be the best.

"We got really close last year," senior Ashley Van Ryn said. "So we know that it's feasible this year. We believe in the team we have that we can get the job done."

Senior Allison Kime added, "We have a lot of great players this year, so I expect to win the conference and make it to regionals, if not further."

PLEASE SEE PITCHING ON A9

UCF soccer star drafted into MLS

ZACH PARDES
Staff Writer

James Georgeff didn't bother paying attention to the Major League Soccer draft because he never anticipated on being picked.

The former UCF Men's Soccer forward knew the odds of being selected were extremely slim, especially coming off a disappointing 2007 season in which the Knights went 4-12-2 overall and finished the season on a 10-game winless streak.

He wanted to play professional soccer, but he also knew that the decision was completely out of his hands.

It wasn't until Georgeff received a phone call from an old teammate that he learned he had been selected in the 2008 MLS Supplemental Draft on Jan. 24 by the Houston Dynamo,

the two-time defending MLS Cup champions.

"It feels awesome," Georgeff said. "It's unbelievable. It all came as a complete surprise because I didn't even know I had been selected until my friend called to congratulate me. I didn't believe him at first, but that's when it hit me."

UCF Men's Soccer head coach Bryan Cunningham worked closely with Georgeff and entered his name into the draft, making him MLS-eligible.

"The Houston Dynamo is a well-established team where every player is an impact player," Cunningham said. "We were able to make a lot of phone calls on James' behalf to help him out as much as we could, but he's a

PLEASE SEE GEORGEFF ON A9

Teen's deceit is all our fault



PADRICK BREWER
Sports Editor

It is a scene that has become relatively commonplace.

An insanely athletically gifted young man sits down on National Signing Day in his high school auditorium with all his teammates, coaches and fellow students around to hear him announce where he plans to pursue his degree and play college football.

So the prospective player sits at the table set up for him, with his head coach next to him, his parents sitting nearby and the local news media filming away to catch the moment when he makes his choice.

It was in that situation that Kevin Hart from Fernley High School in Nevada held a press conference Feb. 1 to announce that he would be accepting an offer to play at California instead of Oregon — the two schools he said had recruited him heavily.

There was only one minor hang-up with Hart's decision: Neither school had ever heard of him and had never recruited him. Like, at all.

Apparently, all his press conference was missing was Ashton Kutcher and a primetime spot on MTV.

At first, Hart said that he had been duped by a man named Kevin Riley, a man who had acted as a liaison between the student and the schools.

People were upset about this poor high school student being strung along by people taking advantage of the lucrative money that athletes and their parents are willing to shell out to get scholarships.

But Wednesday, the tide changed again when Hart admitted that he made the whole story up because, as he told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, he wanted to play Division I football "more than anything."

That's right. Hart was not the victim of some terrible hoax, but rather the dupee.

To paraphrase Pauly Shore on *Entourage*: "We got got."

He concocted an entire scenario to feel better about himself and to grab onto one last shred of hope of playing football for a big school.

But this is not Hart's fault, not really.

It's ours.

For some reason we have decided that teenagers deciding where they are going to school is somehow news.

And we are not free of blame; the *Future* is running a story about the UCF recruits in this issue.

It's not enough that we can read the names in a press release from the school, or — heaven forbid — wait to see them actually play.

No. We have to know everything about these

PLEASE SEE LYING ON A8

UCF heads to Memphis next

FROM A7

Noel helped the Knights enter halftime with a 33-29 advantage.

During halftime, one of the Knights' senior leaders spoke up in an effort to make sure his team didn't let down in the second half.

"[Guard Mike O'Donnell] came in and told us we weren't working hard enough," Taylor said. "He let us know that this was a must-win game, so we just came out in the second half ready to play."

That was definitely apparent as the Knights showed much more energy in the first minutes of the second half. Appropriately, O'Donnell started it with a 3-pointer that stretched UCF's lead to 36-29. Taylor then converted an old-fashioned 3-point play to put UCF up by 10 a few minutes later.

The Herd would pull to within three points with 4:19 to play as the Knights found themselves frozen from the field once again, scoring just five points in the previous 6-and-a-half minutes.

Then the Knights did what good teams are supposed to do: put their opponents away.

UCF ended the game on a 16-5 run, which was largely due to its success at the free-throw line.

The Knights made 9-of-12 free throws in the final three minutes. Taylor's career-high 14th field goal of the night put the exclamation point on his night and the UCF win with a double-clutch reverse dunk in the final minute.

"Everybody's been telling me: 'Do something different, do something different,'" Taylor said. "My teammates, they always say that I do the same dunk. So I got the opportunity and showed people what I can do."

Taylor's 1,000-point

achievement is even more remarkable when you consider that even though he is in his third year at UCF, he didn't start a game until this season. Speraw said despite the statistics, Taylor did some things wrong Wednesday night that he will see during upcoming film sessions. But he is pleased with the progress he saw from his best player in other areas.

"I thought he was efficient in what he was doing," Speraw said about Taylor. "He was taking what the defense gave him. That's a maturing Jermaine Taylor when he does that."

O'Donnell was the Knights' second-leading scorer with 13 points while Noel added 11.

Forward Tyler Wilkerson posted a double-double for the Herd, finishing with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Marshall's leading scorer this season, Markel Humphrey, started for the first time in three games since returning from a stress fracture in his foot. He scored 12 points on just 5-of-14 shooting.

The Knights have had their difficulties lately, but as Albert Einstein said, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." And no opportunity for the Knights in the regular season is bigger than a chance to take down the unanimous No. 1 team in the country, Memphis.

Simply, the Tigers are the best for several reasons.

They are unbeaten at 22-0, 8-0 in conference. They have the fifth-ranked defense in the nation. They lead or are near the top in almost every single category in C-USA, other than free-throw percentage.

Their offense is quick and relentless. Their defense is, well, quick and relentless. They are deep, with NBA talent in reserve players. They like to run teams ragged on offense and then smother them defensively.



UCF's Jermaine Taylor exploded against the Marshall Thundering Herd on Wednesday, going 14-of-23 from the field with one assist and without a single turnover.

They have one of the quickest and guards in the game: Chris Douglas-Roberts. They have one of the top freshmen in the game: Derrick Rose. They have one of the best rebounders in the game: Joey Dorsey. And they have a coach who has led four teams to the Elite Eight: John Calipari.

With so many weapons, it is extremely difficult to key in on one or two Tigers who each opponent wants to stop. But the Knights aren't worried about that. They are just going

to try to play the most perfect game they can Saturday. Plus, perfect teams haven't fared so well lately.

"I'm real excited," Taylor said. "Everybody doesn't get this opportunity to play the No. 1 team in the country at their place. So we're just going to go in and hopefully get this win. We need to go in and execute and play hard."

The Knights and Tigers are scheduled to tip off 4 p.m. Saturday inside the FedEx Forum in Memphis, Tenn. The game will be televised on CSTV.

O'Leary adds 20 players for 2008 season

Class centers around running backs, linemen

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

George O'Leary's fourth season as UCF Football's head coach was the best in school history. And he thinks his fifth recruiting class at UCF is shaping up to be the same.

O'Leary announced the signing of 17 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, National Signing Day. O'Leary brought in 20 players to join the 2008 Knights, three of whom are already enrolled in classes.

O'Leary's focus was clear: Add depth to the offensive and defensive lines and stock up on running backs. Eleven of the 20 players fall into one of those positions.

"Overall, this class is the best class we've signed since I've been here," O'Leary said. "Not just on paper, but from what I've seen on film."

The day passed without much surprise, as all of UCF's expected commitments had signed and sent their intent letters to the UCF Athletics Department by 10 a.m. Running back Brandon Davis, one of the gems of this class, was the first to submit his letter. At just 5-foot-9, 195 pounds, Davis doesn't have a lot of size, but that isn't a concern to O'Leary.

"He's small, but he plays big," he said about Davis. "He's a thick kid that runs hard and gets north and south. When you're a player of the year up in Georgia, you've done some great things."

Brynn Harvey is another running back with a lot of potential for UCF. Rivals.com ranked him as the 32nd-best running back prospect in the nation.

"UCF is getting the best running back in the state of Florida," said Rick Rodriguez in a press release. He was Harvey's coach at Largo High School.

Latavius Murray could play running back or linebacker at UCF. He was named the 2007 Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of New York. He was recruited by a lot of northeast colleges, such as Connecticut, Syracuse and Boston College, but one of the reasons that he decided to come to UCF was because his father lives in Titusville.

Vance King rounds out the quartet of potential running backs that UCF signed Wednesday. He received

more than 20 scholarship offers from colleges, including Ohio State, Florida and Louisiana State.

Running back was a big need for the Knights after Kevin Smith chose to forgo his senior season in January and enter the NFL Draft. But, O'Leary said that Smith's decision didn't change his direction in recruiting; he was going to go after running backs anyway.

When it comes to offensive linemen, anyone nicknamed "Moose" would seem like a good choice. Steven "Moose" Robinson is probably the best lineman in UCF's 2008 class. O'Leary pointed out that Robinson has a quick first step for a strong 305-pound man. Robinson could be the Knights' center of the future, although that job will belong to senior Mike Lavoie at the start of next season.

O'Leary said that interior defensive lineman — "guys who are big, can run and don't like people" — are the hardest to recruit. He hopes he found one in defensive tackle Chris Martin.

Martin, who is 6-foot-5, 290 pounds, was named defensive MVP for the North squad in the Florida All-Star game in December.

The only quarterback of the class is Rob Calabrese. Calabrese, who is one of three players that UCF signed from New York, is noted for his strong arm and ability to move out of the pocket.

"I think the day of the drop-back (quarterback) is over," O'Leary said. "Too many people rush too well, blitz too well. You can protect them all they want, but I think the Patriots found that out."

Loren Robinson was signed to fill a critical role that the Knights need to battle against all the wide-open, spread offenses in Conference USA.

"We need more outside guys that are more strong safety, outside linebacker types," O'Leary said. "That's what I saw him — as a guy that can move on his feet, has good balance and can play in space."

The 20-player recruiting class gives the Knights 83 players on their roster to start the spring, the deepest of any O'Leary-led team. The Knights will begin spring practices March 19.

Lying student not at fault for ruse

FROM A7

kids as early as possible.

LeBron James was in the spotlight at 13, on the cover of ESPN The Magazine at 15 and utterly ubiquitous by 17.

Top quarterback prospect Terrelle Pryor, who was rumored to be headed to Michigan, or is it Ohio State, or maybe Penn State, actually made news by not deciding anything Wednesday.

But it is we — the members of the media and the consumers — that have per-

petuated everything.

The Worldwide Leader actually had an entire channel devoted to nothing but signing day coverage Wednesday.

An entire channel to dissect children as if they were either adults or pieces of meat.

To be honest, I'm not sure which assumption is more offensive: that these kids are anything but children, or that because they are talented, it is somehow OK to look beyond them as human

beings and debase them to one small aspect of themselves.

Washington Post columnist Michael Wilbon mentioned on *Pardon the Interruption* on Wednesday that ESPN and USA Today are fueling this whole bizarre ritual, and he's right.

I don't know when it happened — although I'm wont to blame ESPN — but we have gotten away from allowing kids to be kids, and it's a shame that we are completely fine with that.

They are ill-equipped at 17 and 18 to handle the undue pressure we heap on them.

And Kevin Hart's ordeal just shows how far off-track we are.

Not only that he felt forced to hold a fake press conference for a fake decision, but that we gobbled it right up, from interesting beginning to shocking middle to pathetic end.

And that makes us much worse off than Kevin Hart could ever be.

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Of the Knights' 20 recruits, eight came from inside Florida. Five came from Georgia and three came from New York.

LESS QUANTITY, NOT QUALITY

While UCF Football head coach George O'Leary considers this year's class to be his best overall class at UCF,

it is also his smallest. He signed 20 players for 2008. His previous low was 21 players last season.

GETTING SET

The Knights will begin spring practices on March 19 and hold their annual spring game on April 12. They will start the spring semester with 83 players.

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Pitching remains strong for '08

FROM A7

With seven starters returning from last year's breakout squad, it's not out of reach to do just that.

Offense

For the past few seasons, the Knights have struggled to find a consistent flow at the plate. As a team, the Knights left 399 runners on base last season with a team batting average of just .261.

The Knights know that in order to stay in big games, they need to step up their game offensively.

"We've really tried to step-up our hitting this year," Van Ryn said. "We've done a lot of practicing pressure-like situations in practice to kind of give us that game-like feels. I feel like we're doing a lot better job."

For the Knights to be successful, they will have to come through with runners in scoring position.

"If we can score in any given game, we'll win the game," Luers-Gillispe said. "As coaches, that's our thought. We have the pitching and defense to keep us in it, but offensively we have to score three to stay in it."

Defense

Last season, two seniors, shortstop Amber Lamb and third baseman Cici Alvarez, were the voice of the infield, anchoring an otherwise young group of girls around them.

This year, two freshmen will take over those positions, leaving the Knights with a very young and inexperienced infield.

"We've been working hard to fill in some holes from our seniors, and I think we did a great job of bringing in some of the top freshman," Luers-Gillispe said. "... And defensively, it's the strongest we've been in years. I know that's going to keep us in a lot of ball-games."

Junior first baseman Breanne Javier will be the oldest player in the infield this season. Luers-Gillispe said she has a lot of expectations for Javier to be a strong leader on the field for the team as well as for the younger players.

Two seniors, Cat Snapp and Lindsey Dean, will split time behind the plate for the second year.

In the outfield, UCF will showcase three veterans who added great depth to the outfield last season.

Originally a second baseman, Van Ryn moved to right field last season where she maintained a .911 fielding per-



Senior pitcher Allison Kime heads into the 2008 season with the UCF career strikeout record already under her belt. She heads a staff that had a 1.29 ERA last season.

centage. This season Van Ryn will take over in center field for the graduated Kacie Feast-

er. Redshirt junior Marquita Council will take over in right field, while senior Megan Murphy and sophomore Morgan Bullard will share time in left.

Pitching

If there were one thing the Knights were probably not stressing about this offseason, it was pitching.

In just her second season as a Knight, junior Allison Kime quickly learned what it was like to be in the spotlight. Despite finishing the season at 24-13, Kime broke the all-time career UCF strikeout record with 266 in 40 appearances.

She also held the fourth-best ERA in the nation at 0.87 and threw a UCF-record 15 shutouts.

And as impossible as it may sound, Kime only wants to get better this year.

"I know for her, moving up from last year is a goal of hers," Luers-Gillispe said. "I know that's a tough thing to say, but I know she wants to be better than she was last year. She wants to beat Houston. She wants to beat [East Carolina] and she wants to have that conference title. Those are her goals as a senior."

Kime said aside from her job on the mound, she has a role as a leader.

"I feel like my role is to just lead by example," Kime said. "I

feel like I just need to do what I'm supposed to on the mound and then everyone else can rally behind me."

Redshirt sophomore Lexi Gresham and sophomore Ashleigh Cole return to the mound after both having successful years last season.

Cole finished the season going 8-9 with a 1.93 ERA and 65 strikeouts, while Gresham finished with a 5-4 record and 2.27 ERA.

Freshmen

Despite returning seven of last year's 10 starters, the Knights still managed to bring in one of the top recruiting classes to date.

Two freshman will take over for graduating seniors in the infield. Abby McClain will fill the second base spot, replacing Hillary Barrow, who moved to third base. Tiffany Lane and Brittany Hipple will split time at shortstop.

Diana Rojas will add another reliable arm to the Knights' pitching rotation. She was named to the Florida Class 6A All-State Team as a pitcher her junior and senior seasons.

Team chemistry

According to Luers-Gillispe and the rest of the team, the Knights most fearful asset, however, has nothing to do with the offense, defense or pitching; it's team unity that puts them a step above everyone else.

"We excel because we get along so well," Kime said. We

know how everyone is and we know to motivate everyone in every aspect of the game."

The Knights' roster boasts nine girls who have played together for at least two or three years. That depth has added an aspect to the roster that few teams can say they have.

"We have a great group of girls," Van Ryn said. "We're literally best friends. We've always had good unity on our team, but this year, it's amazing how strong the chemistry is."

"I think that's the thing that will carry over well and we'll be fun to watch."

Schedule

There are only three words for this: USA Olympic Team.

Aside from their already tough conference schedule, the Knights will face a plethora of big names, including the Olympic team on Feb. 29, prior to their conference opener on March 8.

The Knights kick off their season this weekend with a tournament which includes NC State, which ranked as high as 23 last year, Illinois State, Missouri-Kansas City, Central Arkansas and Kansas.

Aside from NC State, the Knights will also face Hawai'i, Auburn, Michigan, Florida, Iowa and Florida State, among other national powerhouses.

"The approach we're taking this season is yes, the non-conference games get us ready for the conference, but we're playing a lot of tough competition to where if we can beat out a lot of those teams, we can be looked at for a bid," Van Ryn said.

UCF's C-USA schedule will start March 8 when it welcomes last season's runner-up East Carolina, and the Knights' season will conclude against Southern Miss on May 4.

Last season, Houston and ECU finished one and two, respectively. The Knights know that's who they need to be gunning for if they want to grab a conference title at the end of the year.

"We kind of knew we would be ranked third to start the season because of how we finished," Van Ryn said. "We take that as an opportunity, however, not so much a slap in the face. We're excited to be able to prove that against them [ECU and Houston]."

For the Knights, the road to reaching all of their goals begins today, as they begin the UCF Tournament at the UCF Softball Complex. Their first game will be today at 4 p.m., against the Illinois State Red Birds.

Georgeff heads to defending champs



UCF's James Georgeff, in white, was selected by the Houston Dynamo of the MLS in its supplemental draft on Jan. 24. The Dynamo are two-time defending champions.

FROM A7

great player, and he did most of the work himself."

Georgeff, who hails from Newcastle, Australia, came to UCF prior to the 2005 soccer season after transferring from Clemson University.

At 6 feet 2 inches, 188 pounds, he made 16 starts and played in each of UCF's 18 matches last season, tying for third on the team with four goals.

"James is a great player and he's always upbeat," said Ryan Roushanel, Georgeff's former teammate and captain of UCF's 2007 team. "This season didn't go the way we wanted it to, but James had an excellent attitude and made the most of his senior year. Overall, it's been a great experience playing with him."

Roushanel and Georgeff had been teammates since 2004, when both played for Clemson before transferring to UCF.

"James needs to show off his abilities while he's at training camp with Houston," Roushanel said. "He needs to do the things he's been doing his whole life and play to his strengths while keeping a good attitude."

The Dynamo were founded in 2005 after the San Jose Earthquakes were relocated because of a venue-related issue. The majority of San Jose's players were moved to Houston, but the team's name, logo and statistics did not transfer, making the Dynamo a new team with no previous history.

The Dynamo, however, was not the only organization interested in drafting Georgeff. He was also drafted in the first round by the

newly founded Orlando Sharks, part of the Major Indoor Soccer League. The Sharks play in the Amway Arena, which is also home to the Orlando Magic and the Orlando Predators.

"James got noticed because he moved to the next level," Cunningham said. "He keeps his head down and works hard. If he continues to do that, he'll do great."

Georgeff is not the only member of his family to play professional soccer, though.

His father, Stase, played with England's Leyton Orient Football Club, a professional English football team that plays in League One.

The Dynamo opened their 2008 training camp on Feb. 1 at Carl Lewis Stadium, located on the University of Houston's campus.

"So far, professional soccer is like college [soccer] on steroids," Georgeff said. "It's a completely different world. There's no room for any sort of error and the biggest difference is the speed of the game. In college, you can get away with mistakes that you can't get away with in the MLS."

Despite the great deal of success and a promising professional soccer career, Georgeff said he tries not to get ahead of himself.

"I know getting drafted doesn't really mean success," Georgeff said. "It's like a prettied-up, paid-for trial version. I am owned by the MLS, but that doesn't necessarily mean Houston has to keep me. I have to keep working hard to show them why I'm here."

Georgeff will continue training camp until regular-season play begins March 29 at New England.

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Brother Bean, Taste Restaurant, 10 p.m.

Check out this three-piece from Melbourne, a funk band that jams. \$6

SATURDAY

Buddhist Meditation, Vajrapani Buddhist Center at 55 W. Colonial Drive, 10 a.m.

Release some tension in your body as you learn the art of relaxation and stress release at this meditating class, which lasts until 11:30 a.m. \$9

Pirate and Princess Party, Disney MGM Studios, 7 p.m.

This themed party includes an "enchanted adventures" parade, a treasure quest and some fireworks to top it off. \$45.95

SUNDAY

L.I.F.E. (Love Is For Everyone), The Terrace Gallery at Orlando City Hall, Noon.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, this showcase puts local artists on display. Doors are used as canvas for new artwork that is based on celebrating the effect of love on our lives. Free

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Mardi Gras at Universal Studios Orlando began on Saturday night. Bret Michaels, of the '80s band Poison and more recently popular from his VH1 show, *Rock of Love 2*, performed opening night. Mardi Gras will last through April 19.

Universal holds authentic Mardi Gras — minus the flashing for beads

AMANDA ZIKE
Staff Writer

Green, purple and gold beads fly from parade floats and twist through the air as eager partiers scramble to catch them and Poison's "Nothin' but a Good Time" blares in the background.

No, we're not in New Orleans, but these events are part of the next best thing: Mardi Gras at Universal Studios Orlando, which began Saturday.

Now in its 12th year, Universal's annual Mardi Gras celebration started as a way to raise attendance in the parks during the off-peak season between the winter and summer months, said Jim Timon, senior vice president of entertainment at Universal.

The same reasoning was behind the creation of Halloween Horror Nights, which is held annually in the fall.

Jim Stout, who's in charge of talent booking and casting for Universal, began working with musicians in New Orleans to raise money for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. Ever since, Universal has brought real Cajun musical groups from New Orleans for the Mardi Gras pre-show held in the French Quarter Courtyard near the Monsters Cafe. Guests can also enjoy authentic Cajun cuisine during the pre-show.

"It adds to the authenticity of the Mardi Gras experience," Timon said. "We have the only official Mardi Gras celebration outside of New Orleans."

Event organizers even order beads from the same company that New Orleans uses.

Stout explained that they begin planning for Mardi Gras while the current year's celebration is still going on.

The design starts in March and April, the talent booking begins in June and the building of the floats begins around July, Stout said.

"We have 150 performers and 13 floats," Timon said.

Five of those floats remain the same each year, while the remainder are designed based on each year's theme. This year's theme is "Discovering Utopia," based on mythical and lost civilizations.

The parade begins every Saturday at 8 p.m. with a different featured musical act each week immediately following.

Opening night's performance was put on by the infamous Bret Michaels of the popular '80s band Poison. Michaels has his own reality

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Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show (R) 12:45p, 4:25, 7:40, 10:15, 12:50a	
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) 12:30p, 3:40, 7:05, 10:10	
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13) 12:05p, 1:10, 3:25, 4:05, 7:25, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40, 12:30a	
The Eye (PG-13) 12:00p, 2:25, 4:45, 7:35, 9:55, 12:20a	
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 1:00p, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40, 11:50	
First Sunday (PG-13) 12:20p, 3:35, 6:55, 9:30, 12:10a	
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Strange Wilderness (R) 12:15p, 2:35, 4:50, 7:55, 10:40, 12:45a	
Meet the Spartans (PG-13) 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30, 11:40 Open Captioned & Descriptive Audio Showtimes: 12:35p	
Rambo (R) 1:25p, 4:10, 8:10, 10:20, 12:40a	
Untraceable (R) 12:00p, 2:30, 5:00, 8:05, 10:30, 12:50a	
Juno (PG-13) 12:25p, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45, 10:05, 12:35a	
27 Dresses (PG-13) 1:05p, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00, 12:25a	
Cloverfield (PG-13) 12:40p, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45, 12:15a	
There Will Be Blood (R) 1:20p, 4:40, 8:00, 11:45	
Atonement (R) 1:15p, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35	
The Bucket List (PG-13) 12:33, 3:30, 6:45, 9:20	

— Listings for Friday, Feb. 8

THE TUBE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8	
9 p.m. NBC <i>Friday Night Lights</i>	Brian "Smash" Williams is determined to get a football scholarship to college despite the recent events that have transpired. However, Brian is very shocked when the most unlikely place offers him what may be the opportunity of his life. Tami Taylor runs into her ex-boyfriend from high school, a big real estate mogul, and he decides to stay in Dillon for a few days. A few days proves to be too long as Coach Taylor begins to feel a bit jealous. Elsewhere, Jason Street hears the biggest news of his life since his accident and must decide if he is willing to change his life completely. Meanwhile, Tim Riggins continues his pursuit of Lyla by getting his own radio show at the Christian radio station. Lyla seems to be enjoying her current relationship with her Christian boyfriend as she goes with him to meet his family.
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9	
8 p.m. Spike <i>Pro vs. Joe's: Last Joe Standing</i>	The Joes have to wrestle Kurt Angle, play defense against Jimmy Smith and go one on one against Kendall Gill. This year the show is tournament style, meaning more idiot Joes that think they have a chance to beat the pros.
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10	
8 p.m. CBS <i>Grammy Awards</i>	The 50th annual event, from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Kanye West leads all nominees with eight; Amy Winehouse is second with six nominations. This is one of the few award shows to get the striking writers' blessing, so enjoy the show.
MONDAY FEBRUARY 11	
8 p.m. NBC <i>American Gladiators</i>	Season Finale! The final contestants compete for the \$100,000 cash prize. This show is ending already? It seems like it just started. Hopefully the strike ends soon and we can give this time slot back to <i>Chuck</i> .
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12	
10 p.m. CBS <i>Jericho</i>	Season Premiere! When the Cheyenne government puts an end to the battle between Jericho and New Bern, Major Beck leads the reconstruction efforts to restore Jericho's power and communication with the outside world. This is the show that fans fought to have brought back; the least you can do is check it out.
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13	
10 p.m. Bravo <i>Project Runway</i>	The last challenge before Fashion Week centers on the outfitters' own artistic expressions. It's either this or the <i>Real World/Road Rules Challenge</i> .

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A LA MODE

Sweating in style doesn't beat comfort

PATRICIA WEIGEL
Staff Writer

When I was little, my mom used to bring me to the gym with her. This was the early '90s, but the fashion staples of the '80s — i.e. leggings and bright-pink leotards — were still holding strong.

It was a time of fluffy bangs that were teased into oblivion, high-top sneakers worn with scrunchy socks, fabric that was so tight it looked like it had been sewn on and patterns that were bold enough to give a person a migraine.

Years later, these images brought me to the gym once again and, instead of just praying I didn't run into someone I knew while in my unflattering gym ensemble — which is something I pray for on a regular basis — I aimed to find out what is "in" when it comes to gym fashion.

The first person I spotted was Franco Magliozzi, a senior marketing major

who was chatting on his phone in the basketball court bleachers on the first floor of the UCF Recreation and Wellness Center.

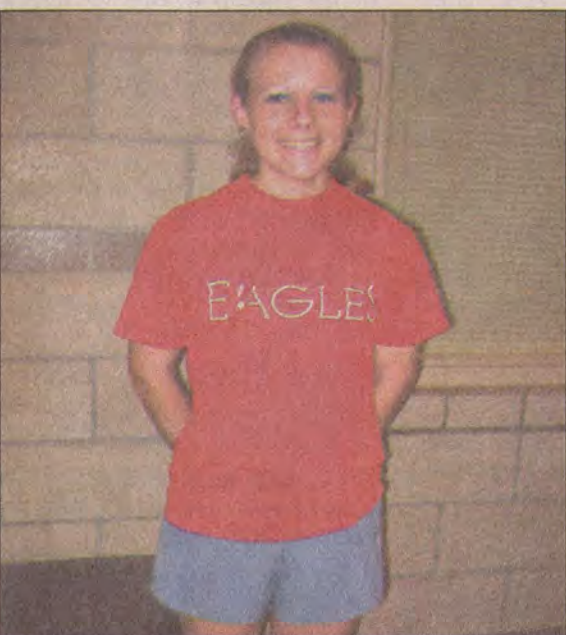
Magliozzi was wearing a gray cutoff T-shirt with a white tank top under it. The cutoff T-shirt is a trend that many guys in the gym were sporting.

"It's cooler than wearing a full-sleeve T-shirt," Magliozzi said.

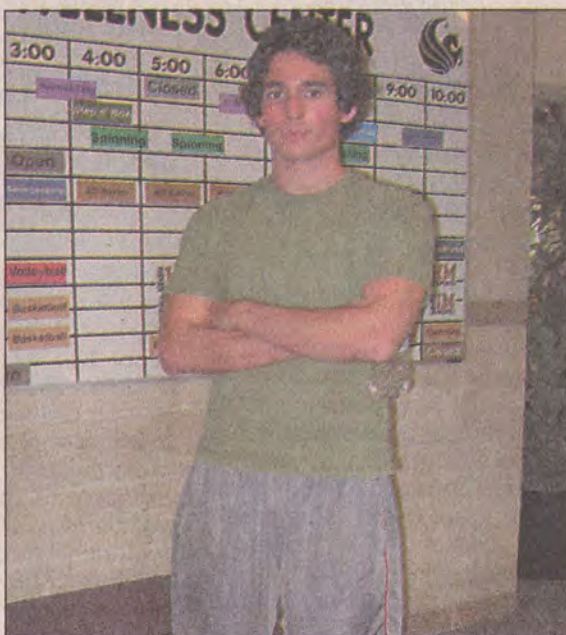
Next, I talked to sophomore Bethany Giddens and junior Erin O'Neal, who are both nursing majors. Giddens was wearing a T-shirt and athletic shorts that hit about mid-thigh, and O'Neal was wearing a pair of yoga pants and a T-shirt.

Giddens said her attire was normal for when she hits the gym, but when she runs outside, she prefers to stay a little cooler with just a sports bra and shorts.

When asked what her fashion pet peeves at the gym are, O'Neal said, "I really don't like when people wear extra-short



Bethany Giddens, left, said she usually wears a T-shirt and shorts when she goes to the gym and a sports bra and shorts when running outside. Mason Smith, right, said he wears a T-shirt, shorts and old tennis shoes to the gym. Basic styles are popular for exercising today.



shorts."

The last person I talked to was Mason Smith, a senior biology major.

He explained that his typical gym attire is almost exactly what he was wear-

ing: "A T-shirt, shorts and really old tennis shoes."

People are keeping things basic these days at the gym, which is good news after the over-teased locks and pattern-induced retina damage of the

'90s.

Although things have been looking up, I think everyone should take O'Neal's advice and keep the super-short shorts, a la Michael Cera in *Juno*, in the gym locker.

MUSIC GODDESS

The Whigs keep it simple

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO
Staff Writer



The Whigs
Album: *Mission Control*
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Label: ATO Records
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The Whigs recently released their new album, *Mission Control*, as the latest contender on the charts.

The band's alternative rock sound taps into the indie epidemic and adds a college/pop-rock twist. The three amigos that make up the band have been regarded as the next big thing, often recognized for their likeness to artists such as The Replacements. The question remains as to whether that likeness will help or hurt the Athens, Ga. natives.

The boys are no strangers to struggling their way to the top. Prior to *Mission Control*, the college comrades honed their skills as musicians for the release of *Give 'Em All A Big Fat Lip* — a record that made The Whigs a staple in every music-related press publication's headlines.

While there is some legitimacy to the buzz behind the boys, their overall sound seems to be a bit of an overkill. Nothing stands out as outwardly impressive, and the melodies don't captivate with their overt sim-

licity.

The most impressive songs on the album include "1,000 Wives" and "Sleep Sunshine," a song that breaks away from the mold created by the other tracks appearing on the new release.

"Need You Need You" digs into listeners who are in a sleep-like state and immediately wakes them up with loud cymbal crashes and heavy guitar riffs.

"Hot Bed" uses an intriguing bass line to highlight the guitar chord progressions that combine with tambourine for a catchy,

feel-good tune.

"Production City" is reminiscent of Franz Ferdinand in its guitar and percussion parts. Whigs drummer Julian Dorio recently said "everybody has their purpose in the songs." He then went on to explain that while they are a three-piece outfit, the band still aims at conveying the full sound of their live performances. Dorio said that there weren't two instruments doubling on one part, citing that "no one is sitting there backing up what someone else is doing."

The Whigs have finally started to receive the recognition they have craved for their music. The band recently performed on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and is scheduled to appear on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* on Feb. 20.

There are currently no Florida tour dates for The Whigs. For more information on the band and their new album, check out www.TheWhigs.com.

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Mardi Gras not fun for all

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dating show, *Rock of Love 2* on VH1, and the show has spawned a whole new generation of fans.

Three students from Seminole Community College came dressed in cowboy hats and made a sign reading "Bret, talk dirty to us!" using a phrase from one of Poison's hit songs.

Psychology major April Bastos said she was excited to see Bret Michaels but thought that his appearance seemed very commercialized because he promoted his TV show throughout the concert.

"I think the whole Mardi Gras thing is lame," Bastos said. "All the acts they book are washed up. I am excited to see LL Cool J, though."

Recent UCF business graduate Brittney Eustis said she is also excited to see upcoming acts such as Gretchen Wilson and Sara Evans. Other acts include the Go-Go's, Third Eye Blind and Earth, Wind & Fire.

"I've been to four or five [Mardi Gras] in the past," Eustis said. "My birthday is in March, so it's like a pre-party."

Hospitality management major Naomi Seal also had a positive attitude toward the event and said she enjoyed the atmosphere.

"Look at all these people," Seal said. "The concert, the



A stilt-walker says hello to guests at opening night of Mardi Gras at Universal Studios Orlando. There are 150 performers and 13 parade floats at the authentic celebration.

energy, the beads. ... This is better than going downtown."

Mardi Gras is free for everyone with annual passes and is included in theme park admission each Satur-

day. A ticket for Mardi Gras alone is \$46.95 plus tax or \$10 off with a specially marked Coca-Cola product. The event begins at 5 p.m. every Saturday now through April 19.

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QUICK FLIX

Fools, former president film fill this weekend

WILLIAM GOSS
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Fool's Gold

DIRECTOR: Andy Tennant
STARS: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Ray Winstone, Donald Sutherland

★★★★

If ever one needed 113 minutes of proof that even Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson aren't above a paid vacation to the coast of Australia, then be careful what you wish for. As directed by Andy Tennant (*Hitch*, *Sweet Home Alabama*), this rom-com adventure is nowhere near as brisk and fun as such a film should be, as the reunited *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* stars zip around the suddenly mountainous Florida Keys in hopes of finding a long-lost treasure and/or salvaging their marriage.

McConaughey and Hudson continue to share not chemistry so much as matching photogenic properties — the man just must be allergic to shirts — but what a pity that making a film like this seem effortless isn't the same as putting in next to none.

Opens in theaters everywhere today.

Jimmy Carter Man From Plains

DIRECTOR: Jonathan Demme

★★★★

Following around Former President Jimmy Carter on his 2006 book tour for *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, director Jonathan Demme (*Neil Young: Heart of Gold*) chronicles a wise man on a well-meaning mission to defuse controversy and bring attention to the issues in the middle east, but a compelling documentary this simply does not make. Jimmy doesn't crack corn once in the entire film, but you could've fooled me.

Opens at the Regal Winter Park Village 20 today.

Persepolis

DIRECTORS: Vincent Paronnaud, Marjane Satrapi
STARS: Chiara Mastroianni, Gabrielle Lopes, Catherine Deneuve, Danielle Darrieux

★★★★★

A hip-high perspective of a

reality in revolt, this visually striking and surprisingly poignant tale of a young girl coming of age amid the upheaval of Iran in the 1980s is based on Marjane Satrapi's acclaimed graphic novels and is a deserving contender for this year's Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

Opens at the Enzian Theatre today.

Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show

DIRECTOR: Ari Sandel
STARS: Vince Vaughn, Peter Billingsley, Ahmed Ahmed, John Caparulo, Bret Ernst

★★★★

After sitting on a shelf for over a year, this moderately amusing comedy concert film — in which Vince Vaughn showcases four up-and-coming stand-up comics on the road for 30 days in 30 cities — doesn't seem to have gotten funnier with age, but it is a good deal more fascinating as a look at the internal and external pressures a comedian finds himself under both on and off the stage.



COURTESY WARNER BROS.

Opens in theaters everywhere today.

Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

DIRECTOR: Malcolm D. Lee
STARS: Martin Lawrence, Mo'Nique, Mike Epps, James Earl Jones

★★★★

With a neglected son and wily wife in tow, Roscoe Jenkins (Martin Lawrence) makes his first pilgrimage back home after finding success in Los Angeles, and it is here that the self-help TV host (think Dr. Phil meets Jerry Springer) finds his body and ego assaulted by his friends, family and maybe even a skunk or two.

Perhaps the only film matching and possibly surpassing *Fool's Gold* with its penchant for broad humor — dogs hump, groins are hit, Mike Epps riffs, Mo'Nique cackles and James Earl Jones delivers valuable life lessons — *Welcome Home* is, how you say, a hot mess.

Opens in theaters everywhere today.

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Top: Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson star in the romantic comedy *Fool's Gold*. Middle: Marjane Satrapi outwits 2 guardians of the revolution who are harassing her for dressing "punk" in *Persepolis*. Bottom: Martin Lawrence stars as the title character in *Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins*. All three movies open this weekend.

BOOK WORM

Sparks fails to ignite plot

BILLIE HARTL
Staff Writer

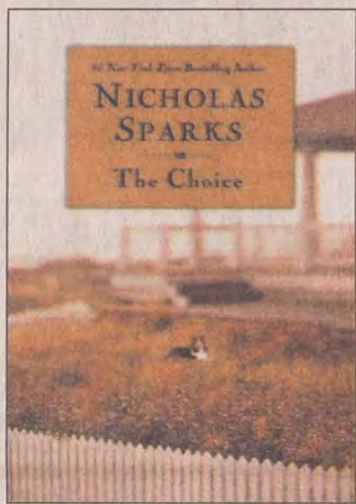
How far would you go to keep the hope of love alive? This haunting question reverberates throughout Nicholas Sparks' newest novel, *The Choice*.

Because Valentine's Day is right around the corner, it's the right time to read a story of love that never ends, and Sparks is the go-to author for that kind of romantic escape we all crave from time to time. Unfortunately, this novel falls short of his previous efforts.

The novel, which takes place in Beaufort, N.C., is split into two parts and presents the characters with two separate choices.

Part one seems to drag on forever, which is unfortunate because it is the less emotionally charged part of the novel, and it becomes tedious after a while.

In the beginning, we are introduced to Travis Parker, a veterinarian and quintessential bachelor who cannot find a woman capable of tying him down. Enter Gabby Holland, who lives next door. Gabby is a fiery redhead who isn't afraid to stand up to Travis and has a long-time boyfriend, Kevin. Through a series of mundane and predictable events, including



The Choice
By: Nicholas Sparks

★★★★

Gabby's dog bringing the couple together, Travis and Gabby find themselves falling in love with each other. And so Gabby is faced with a choice: Travis or Kevin?

We can all safely assume whom Gabby picks since the novel doesn't end here.

In part two, the story moves along more rapidly and romance gives way to reality. What happens is completely unexpected, and almost — but not quite — makes up for the predictability of part one.

After years of marriage and the births of children,

Travis is faced with a decision that will determine the rest of his life. This part is a lot shorter than part one and is the real crux of the story — no more explanations, or this will turn into a spoiler.

The ending — which could go either way and actually kept me on the edge of my seat for the short time I was reading it — is fitting but saccharin and a little far-fetched.

Sadly, the ending doesn't make up for everything the book lacks. Although a good attempt from Sparks, *The Choice* is inconsistent. The story doesn't flow well as the first part drags and the second part, which makes the story more enjoyable, is much shorter. A lot of the chemistry in the first part of the book seems forced and unnatural. I was surprised to see this coming from Sparks since many of his other novels — including *The Notebook* and my personal favorite, *Dear John* — are abounding with genuine emotion.

I just couldn't work up a tear for this one, despite the serious subject matter. If you're still in the mood for a good cry, pick up one of Sparks' other novels. You will not be disappointed in any of those.

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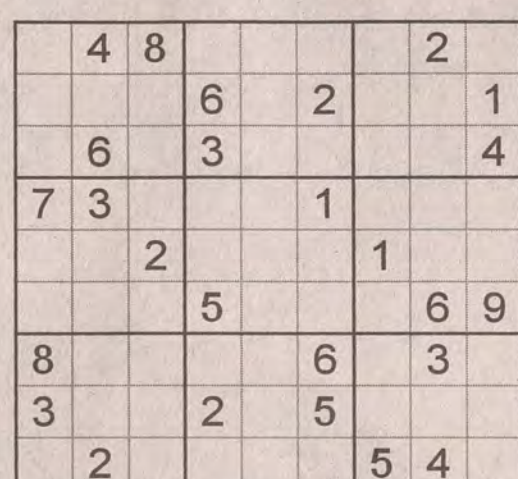
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that every row,
column and 3x3
box contains the
digits 1 through 9
with no repeats.

Monday puzzle:
Easy level

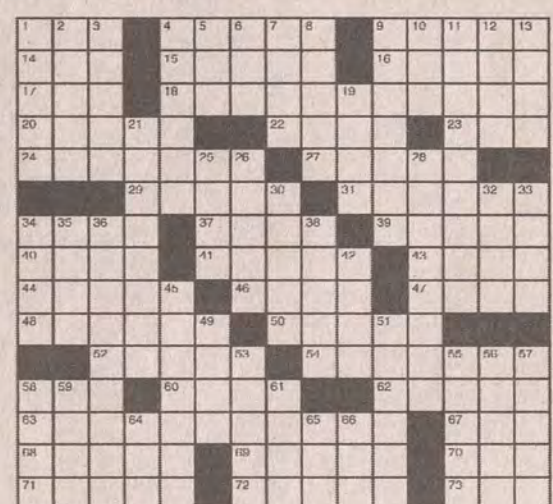
Wednesday puzzle:
Medium level

Friday puzzle:
Hard level

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ACROSS
1 Long, feathery
scalp
4 All thumbs
9 Fancy tie
14 Inclined
15 Small ravine
16 Back tooth
17 Crude
18 Not lucky
20 Theater offering
22 Playthings
23 Thar blows!
24 Orchestra
section
27 Hippety-hops
29 New Orleans
player
31 Set up
34 Weaponry
37 Rave about
39 Gander's mate
40 Bound
41 Leg bone
43 Castle defense
44 Flowing tresses
46 Permits to
47 Elec. units
48 Grins
50 Imaginative
literary genre
52 Wing
movements
54 Like spooky
houses
58 Burrows or
forts
60 Exercise rugs
62 Chutzpah
63 End of the road
67 Feedbag morsel
68 Palm fruits
69 Ill-gotten gains
70 Lyric poem
71 Brown ermine
72 Prepare to
propose
73 For each

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MESS **ETNA** **ADDER**

Last issue solved

51 Pouring aid
53 Pursue
stealthily
55 Scouting group
56 Steer clear of
57 Impede
58 Tacks on
59 Like some '60s
poets
61 Knock for a loop
64 Green drink
65 Rink flooring
66 Mineral in the
raw

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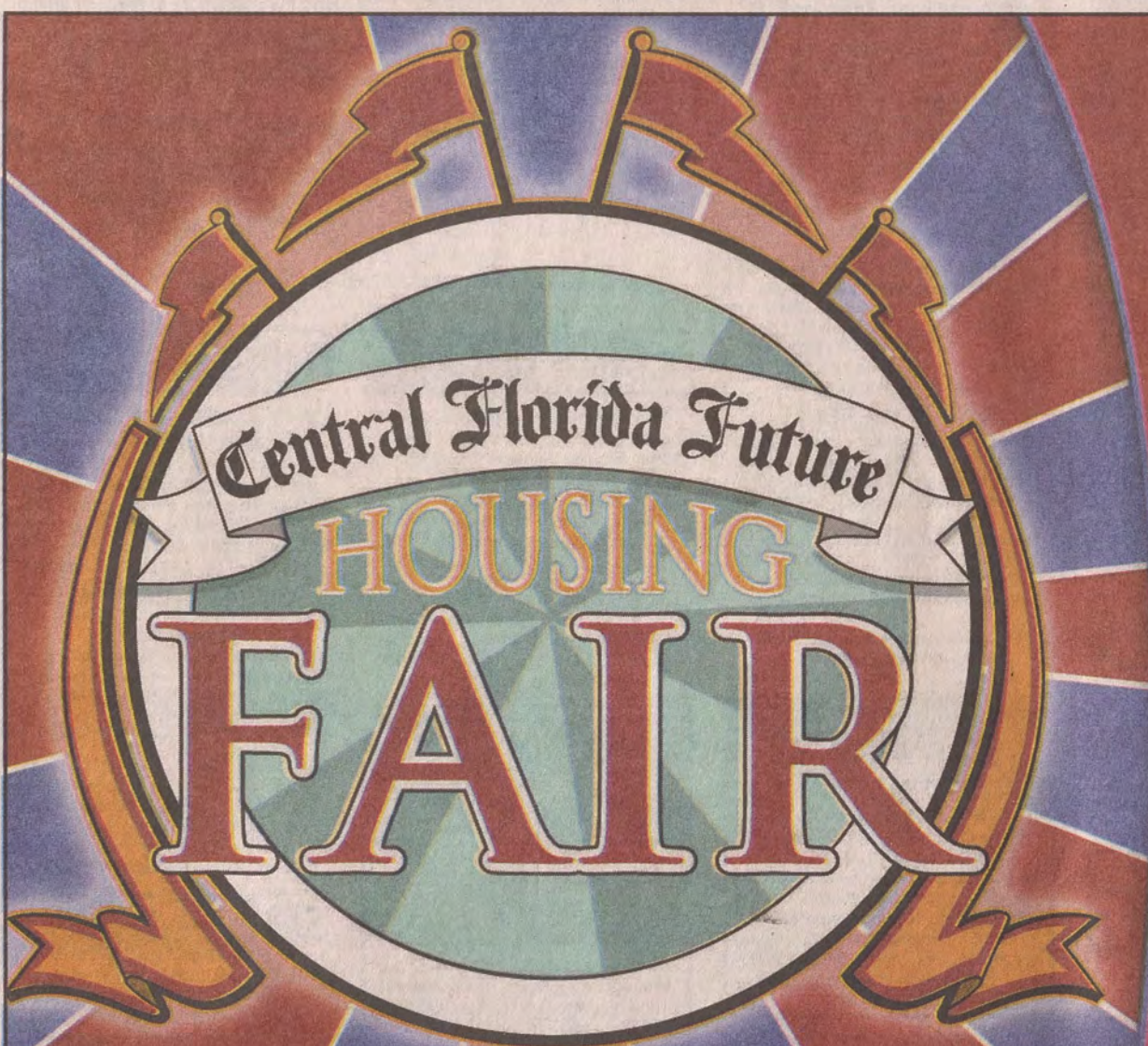
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